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Spring thaw, spring floods:

■ *Rising water
causes thousands
of dollars damage*

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

It will take weeks and hundreds of thousands of dollars to repair dozens of roads across the Highlands that were ripped apart by torrents of rain and spring runoff early last week.

Monday night's thunderstorm pounded the county with nearly 40 millimetres of rain in just a couple hours, which combined with fast-melting snow to cause the worst flooding to hit the area in several years.

By early Tuesday morning homes, cottages and businesses in many communities were filling with water.

As late as Friday there were still residents in Dysart who were marooned in their homes because overflowing creeks and rivers had carved deep chasms across their roads.

In nearby Somerville dozens of families along the swollen Burnt River had to be evacuated by boat from their homes and cottages — some of them with water up to their main floor windows.

On Tuesday traffic in Haliburton had to be diverted around the intersection of Maple and Victoria Streets which was under more than two-feet of water from the overflowing Drag River.

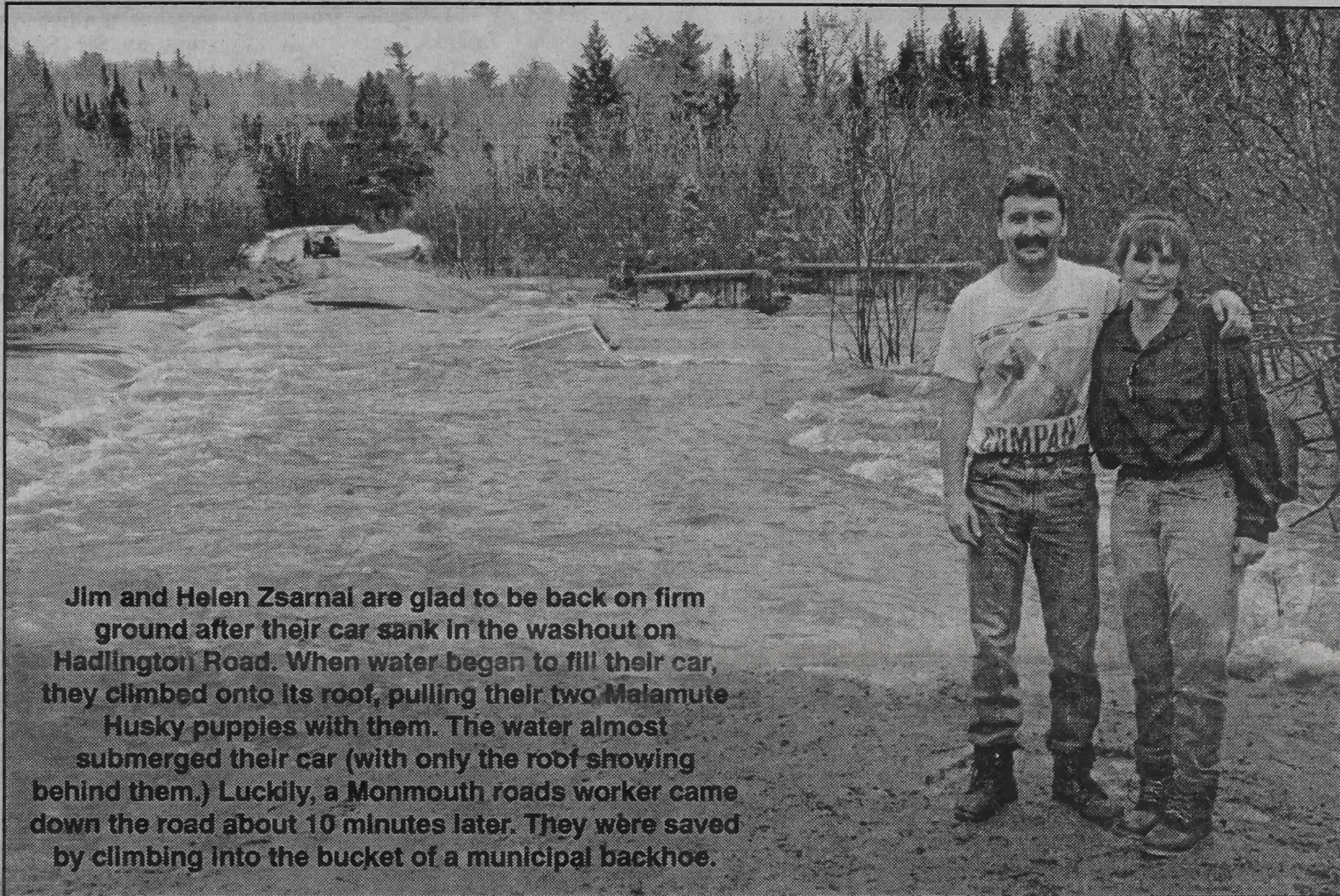
Most businesses in the area were able to keep the water out of their buildings with makeshift barricades, but Stonewood Printing and St. Anthony's

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Jim and Helen Zsarnai are glad to be back on firm ground after their car sank in the washout on Hadlington Road. When water began to fill their car, they climbed onto its roof, pulling their two Malamute Husky puppies with them. The water almost submerged their car (with only the roof showing behind them.) Luckily, a Monmouth roads worker came down the road about 10 minutes later. They were saved by climbing into the bucket of a municipal backhoe.

Washout gives couple that sinking feeling

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Jim and Helen Zsarnai had more than a sinking feeling when they tried to cross a washout on the Hadlington Road on Tuesday. They also had a cold and wet feeling as the water from the Irondale River began filling their car when they got stuck halfway across the flooded road.

By the time they had safely climbed onto the car's roof, they could admit to feeling more than a little scared, too.

"I never shook so much in my life," said Helen Zsarnai, shivering with cold as she tried to warm up in the Monmouth Fire Department's emergency rescue van after the ordeal.

The Zsarnais moved to their home on the fairly isolated road north of Tory Hill four months ago to get away from all the pressures of the city. But when they decided to "get back to nature", they didn't think nature could be so unkind.

After spending Tuesday morning grooming their two Malamute pups, the four of them were heading for a vet's appointment. Jim had travelled the road the previous night, when the

dense fog made the drive from Lindsay take three hours. As they approached the washout at the small bridge crossing the Irondale River, he thought it would be safe to cross and so they decided to give it a try.

The "puddle" turned out to be more like a lake, and with the heavy flow of water eating away at the road, the Zsarnais' car began to sink. And sink.

"We just drove a little bit and then kaboom, we started to sink rapidly and the water was up around us," says Mrs. Zsarnai. "We climbed onto the window to the roof of the car and passed up the puppies. There was just a little bit of the roof left to stand on."

She credits her husband with keeping the two of them calm — and safe. "I probably would have jumped off the car. I was determined to save my puppies."

Given the fast flow of water, the coldness of the water, and the isolation of the area, jumping off the car and trying to swim to shore might have proved disastrous.

As it was, the Zsarnais estimate they were on the car's roof for about 10 minutes when Eric Barnes came down the road in a Monmouth roads truck. His supervisor, roads superintendent

Barry Dunford, had checked the bridge at six that morning and although the water was two feet under the bridge at that time, he asked Barnes to check it out shortly after noon. Barnes might have been startled to see the Zsarnais "standing" in the middle of the washout, but the Zsarnais were incredibly relieved. Barnes radioed for the municipality's large backhoe loader as well as help from the firefighters.

With two men in the bucket of the backhoe to be on hand to help the couple, the backhoe's operator was able to get the bucket close to the car roof and the Zsarnais and their dogs stepped into safety.

Unable to get back to their home, of course, they were taken into Wilberforce where they spent the afternoon getting warm at the restaurant. Their plans were to get some dry clothes from the second hand store and a place for the night.

Because the water level remained so high, Monmouth's crew was not able to start filling the washout with gravel until 5 on Wednesday morning. To prevent people from getting into the same situation as the Zsarnais, the Monmouth community police patrolled the area all that

night. Several people were stranded on the other side, since there is no other access.

By 11 a.m. Wednesday, the roads department had a single-lane path across the washout.

Dunford says the problem was caused by the washout on Hwy 121, just north of the Hadlington Road. Maple Creek overflowed its banks and caused a 20-metre section of the highway to become a 4-metre deep river and this water rushed into the Irondale River.

That was the municipality's worst spot and it certainly meant road crews got little sleep. Dunford says at 12:30 early Wednesday morning, he left the Hwy 121 washout just after the Ministry of Transportation crews finished filling the hole with sand. (Because water levels rose after the hole was blocked, the highway was kept closed until Wednesday morning, when they could be sure there would be no other washout.) Dunford was back at the Hadlington washout four hours later. He has yet to estimate the cost of the damage.

Meanwhile, getting warm over a cup of coffee after their rescue, Jim Zsarnai says "it will be a long time before I even puddle jump."

For whom the road tolls: watch your wallet

BRUCE TURNER of Haliburton has a cautionary warning for drivers lured by the convenience of Toronto's Highway 407: Convenience isn't cheap. Turner decided to test out the new super highway on a recent trip. Though he figured the three-kilometre ride he took would cost a couple dollars, he was taken aback when his bill for \$7.04 arrived in the mail shortly afterward. His actual toll charge for using the highway was just \$2.90. But tacked on was a \$2 fee for not having a transponder, a \$2 fee to set up a customer account and 14 cents to cover the GST. To add insult to injury, when Turner paid the tab a bit late he was mailed a separate invoice — in an envelope with a 46-cent stamp — requesting 6¢ to cover the interest charges. The people who run the 407 — the Ontario government — decided to waive the late charge when

Turner called to question it.

April 25 is the Haliburton Highlands Learning Centre's Bowlathon in Minden and Carnarvon. This is the centre's major fundraiser. People who want to support our program and have three hours of fun can pick up pledge sheets at the office (call ahead). Eighteen prizes will be awarded. Individuals or teams are welcome. For more information, call the Centre at 457-3430 or Donna Monk at 286-1237.

As the popularity of Celtic music sweeps over the country, St. Anthony's Roman Catholic parish gives Highlanders a chance to ride the wave. The Merry Micks, an Irish folk band and stepdancers from Maynooth, will be performing at the Haliburton Legion on Sat., May 2. The tickets are \$10

each and proceeds are for the Haliburton church's organ fund. Tickets are available from parishioners, Barb Wood at the Haliburton Bank of Montreal, and Mary Pearsell at 457-2907. The Merry Micks say they

on April 14 to listen to two guest speakers: Dr. Hardy Friesen will discuss and demonstrate wilderness first aid procedures and author Kevin Callan will demonstrate canoe tripping techniques such as trip planning, packing and

arrange for an audition, please send your name, address, telephone number and a brief description of your act, including ages, to Glenda Richards and Wayne Burnett, Richburn Entertainment, 260 Queen's Quay West, Suite 2805, Toronto, Ont., M5J 2N3. Fax 416-260-5627 or phone 416-962-3819. The deadline is April 30.

Festival. There are also demonstrations. For information, write Box 345, Orleans, Ont., K1C 1S7 or e-mail <ajwilson@cyberus.ca>.

Downbeat Magazine has named Kenny Barron as the #1 performing jazz pianist, and if you agree with the international critics poll, you can hear Barron on Sunday, May 10 at Showplace in Peterborough. Barron will be performing with legendary jazz drummer Ben Riley and Dave Young, the 1997 Canadian jazz player of the year, on bass. Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door and \$13 for students. You can order them by phone by calling 705-742-7469. The concert is a Kawartha Jazz Society presentation.

The Peterborough Singers are pleased to present Mendelssohn's Elijah, directed by Sydney Birrell, on Wed., May 20 at 7:30 p.m., George Street United Church. Featured soloists are soprano Anna Tamm-Relyea, mezzo-soprano Elizabeth Turnbull, tenor Mark Dubois, bass Gary Relyea and organist Ian Sadler. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students and are available by calling 705-745-2240.

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

News about people and events in Haliburton County

were raised with a love of music. "Many of our songs are ones which we learned as children and sang on many a cold night around the kitchen because that was the only warm room in the house. Music was always part of our work and our play and if we can bring a smile to your face or a wee tear to your eye, then our mission is accomplished."

Canoe trippers may be interested in travelling to the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough

how to avoid those pesky bears. The evening starts at 7 p.m. at 910 Monaghan Road, across from the Evinrude Centre.

Entertainers aged 55 or older are invited to audition for this year's spectacular Royal Bank Seniors' Jubilee at Toronto's Roy Thompson Hall. This popular variety show, August 17 to 21, will present singers, dancers, musicians, bands, comedians and cabaret acts in a professionally staged production. To

Property owners are invited to learn more about naturalizing their shoreline at a free symposium at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Lindsay on Sat., April 18. Registration is at 9 a.m. and the program runs from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call Kawartha Conservation, 705-328-2271 or the Victoria County Land and Water Stewardship Council, 705-324-1478.

Quilters may want to gather at the Common Thread Quilt Show in Ottawa during the tulip festival, May 15, 16 and 17. It's at the Gloucester City Hall (Blair road at the Queensway, Hwy 17) and features handmade quilts, including Angela Krotowski's "Flowers That Fly," which won the 1997 Best of Show award at the Vermont Quilt

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Flood waters strand many in their homes

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Robert Vanderburgh had planned to leave his family's Drag Lake cottage Tuesday morning after a short, two-night visit.

But as he looked at the 35-foot long gorge filled with rushing water that cut across both lanes of his dead-end road, the Sunderland-area resident quickly understood he wasn't going anywhere fast.

"The river was coming right over the road," he said Friday. "It just chewed it up and over time the road just sank."

Like many across the Highlands, Vanderburgh had been left stranded by Monday night's heavy rains and flooding.

Most were able to get in and out of their properties a day or two later after municipal roads crews carried out emergency repairs to fix dozens of washouts.

However, a few less fortunate storm victims were still marooned as late as Friday.

"I only came out with the bare essentials," Vanderburgh said that morning. "My dad always cleans the place out because of mice so I only had a couple of meals and a couple cans of food for the dog ... The dog was starting to look pretty tasty."

Fortunately for Vanderburgh — and his pet pooch — a North Sandy Cove Rd. neighbour who was also stranded had some extra food.

"I'm living here permanently so I have a freezer and food in here," 74-year-old Robert Tirilis said Thursday. "I was able to help out my neighbour because he has hardly any food."

On Wednesday, the pair put a long plank across the creek severing their road. That allowed them to cross it by foot, but they still couldn't get out by car.

Once across the creek Tirilis and Vanderburgh were able to catch a ride into Haliburton with another neighbour to re-stock their food supplies.

Neither of the men was too worried about being cut off by the washout. Tirilis used his time to boil down maple sap into syrup, while Vanderburgh made calls for his landscaping business and did a lot of reading.

"I'm an outdoorsman and I don't panic easily," said Tirilis, who lives alone. "But if anything happened health-wise, it would be disastrous."

Vanderburgh said his camping experiences in the north helped him through the ordeal.

"It's not really an inconvenience for me at all. I'm used to roughing it so I wasn't really panicked at all. I was just waiting out the storm."

On Friday morning Dysart roads workers filled in the huge crevice in the road, allowing Tirilis and Vanderburgh to drive out of their properties.

But over on Haliburton Lake, at least one woman was still stranded in her home.

"I'm alone. Just me and my two St. Bernards. My husband is a long-haul trucker so he's in sunny Florida, which is where I should be," said the woman, who asked that her name not be used for security reasons.

A contractor working for Dysart replaced the culvert that had washed out in the woman's road on Thursday morning, but within an hour the powerful flow of water tore it loose.

"It looks like Niagara Falls in here."

On Thursday evening neighbours on the lake rigged up a walkway to allow the woman to cross the flooded creek.

"My husband should be home tonight which will give us a car on the other side at least," she said Friday.

Despite the inconvenience of being stranded and the fact that she missed at least four days of work, the woman was trying to stay positive.

"All you can do is laugh about it," she said. "There's no use getting upset. It's not going to get you anywhere."

Lightning hits Parish Line home

The thunderstorm that helped touch off last week's flooding is also suspected of sparking a fire at a Parish Line home outside Haliburton.

Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan believes a lightning strike Monday evening is to blame for the fire that partially destroyed the home of Scott Neville and his family.

Volunteer firefighters were able to contain the blaze to the

upper floor of the two-storey house.

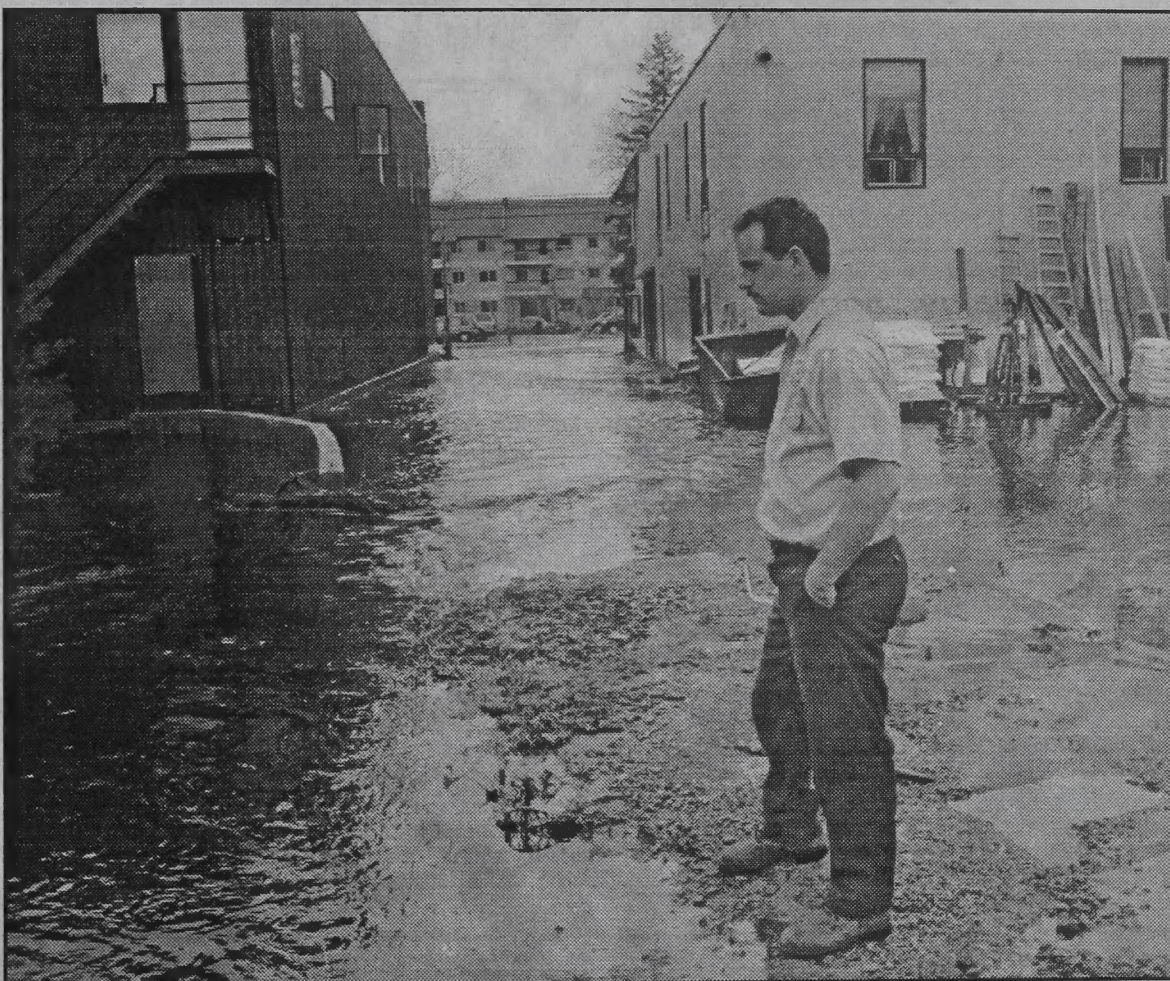
Maughan estimated damage to the building at approximately \$40,000.

Twenty-two firefighters responded to the 6:11 p.m. call and spent about 90 minutes extinguishing it.

About four hours later the department was called into action a second time to put out a burning hydro pole.



Water rushed across Maple Avenue and into businesses'



Dave McKay surveys the damage behind The Pump Shop on Maple Avenue



Half of Hwy 118 near Harmony Road in Haliburton washed out

BURNT RIVER EVACUATION:

A small army of volunteers uses boats to rescue people from their homes in Somerville hamlet after water reaches their main floor windows

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Dozens of families in nearby Somerville were forced from their homes last week by the quickly rising waters of the Burnt River.

As a small army of volunteers filled sandbags for people to barricade their properties from the flooding, Coboconk OPP officers aided by residents with boats evacuated those whose roads were under water.

The Township of Somerville opened its community centre around the clock for any residents who needed food and shelter, but most opted to stay with friends and family until the flood waters receded.

"We don't know at this point how many people need to be evacuated," Somerville Reeve Dianne Austin said Wednesday. "We're asking people south of the village of Burnt River to leave their properties and we're asking people with cottages in the area not to check on their properties until the water goes down."

The small village of Burnt River suffered the most severe flooding in the Highlands area as a result of the heavy rains and spring runoff that began Monday evening.

By Tuesday morning the main road into the village and many cottage roads had to be closed when the swollen river overflowed its banks.

The water level continued to rise throughout the day, filling basements and main floors of some riverside homes and cot-

tages.

On Wednesday afternoon flooding forced officials to close a section of Highway 121, from County Rd. 37 to Highway 649, as it passes through the area.

Last week's flooding was the worst the area has experienced since 1991, according to both the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Trent-Severn Waterway.

"It fell short of the '91 level by about three or four inches," said TSW water control engineer Bruce Kitchen. "... But they keep adding stuff to the flood plain so more and more gets wrecked every time we have one of these."

Ross Wray of the MNR's Minden office said the Burnt River crested Thursday morning in Kinmount before it began to recede.

"I think it's fair to say we experienced a crest that was about one metre higher than during an average spring runoff," he said.

For Audrey Thrasher, last week's flooding marked the second time in less than a decade that she had to evacuate her Burnt River home.

During the flood of 1991 the Somerville councillor sought refuge for a few nights at the village community centre.

And on Wednesday Thrasher was once again planning to stay dry by sleeping at the community centre.

"I just came out here this morning by boat."

Thrasher's husband, Charles, was still at home, keeping an eye on the house as it gradually

filled with water.

"There were about four inches in the basement this morning, but it will probably be into the main level of the house by night-fall," she said.

But Thrasher, a veteran of three serious floods on the river since 1976, was taking the ordeal in stride.

"I'm not upset. It must be some kind of shock. I know there are people who are worse off than me. If the water starts filling my house then I'll be upset. Or if my house floats down the river, I'll be really upset."

By late Wednesday afternoon Thrasher was the only person who had decided to stay overnight at the community centre during the flooding. She already had a spot in mind in a back room where she could lay out an air mattress.

But before it would be time to

turn in, she and a group of other volunteers prepared meals for dozens of volunteers firefighters, municipal workers and members of the community fighting the flood.

Men and women filled more than 3,000 sandbags at the township's public works shed for people to use to protect their homes and cottages.

Many of the bags were also transported to Kinmount to prevent riverside businesses from being flooded.

"The community is certainly pitching in. We've had just fantastic help," said Reeve Austin. "... We also have offers from volunteers to put up people in their homes."

By Friday morning the water level at the north end of the village of Burnt River had dropped about nine inches from the previous night.

However, officials said it

would still be several days for the water to recede enough for many roads to be re-opened — provided there isn't more rain. (Hwy 121 was open by Friday.)

"It's still way too early for us to assess the financial impact of any road damage," said Austin. "We have to wait for the water to clear first."

Officials warned property owners who experienced flooding to have their homes and cottages inspected by a qualified electrician before turning on power. Propane tanks should also be examined for damage by qualified personnel.

Until all roads have been re-opened, the Township of Somerville is urging seasonal property owners to call the municipal office for flood details rather than trying to visit their cottages. The municipality can be reached at (705) 488-2571.



THE POWER OF WATER: Dysart et al Roads Superintendent Gary MacDonald took this photo of the washout which closed a section of South Kashagawigamog Lake Road near Henwood Lane on Tuesday. Fortunately, residents had another access until the road re-opened the next day.

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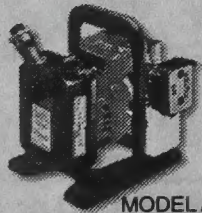
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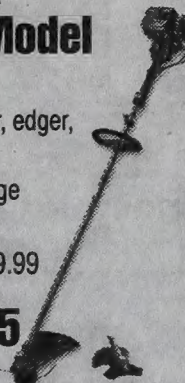
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Roads suffer the worst damage

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Roman Catholic Church both experienced flooding.

In Gooderham the Irondale River spilled over its banks, swamping the park at the community centre, Cheong's Restaurant and the LCBO outlet.

But it was roads, not property, that sustained the most severe and most expensive flood damage across the county.

Municipalities that had been thanking El Niño for sparing their roads department budgets during the mild winter are now wondering how they'll pay for all the repair costs.

"Mother Nature has caught up with us," said Stanhope clerk-administrator Gerald Bain. "She has a way of balancing things out."

No municipality in the county was spared at least some damage. In some there were simple washouts. But in others huge chunks of road were completely devoured, leaving them inaccessible with gaping holes up to 30-metres long across both lanes.

Among the worst hit was North Lake Kashagawigamog Rd. outside Haliburton. An eight-metre wide gorge filled with rushing water severed the road near Henwood Lane.

But workers quickly repaired

the road and had it open to traffic by Wednesday morning.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said he's never seen the municipality's roads so badly mangled.

"This is not normal. It's certainly an abnormal situation ... We've had storms before where beaver dams broke and caused flooding, but this is the first time I've seen anything like this."

Fearrey said the municipality will be asking the provincial government for financial assistance to help cover the cost of repairs.

He estimated the damage would to Dysart's roads alone would rise above \$100,000.

The municipality's roads superintendent, Gary MacDonald, pegged the repair costs anywhere between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

"It's money we don't have," said Fearrey. "I'm sure the municipality and others will apply to see if they can get assistance for it."

In neighbouring, Anson, Hindon and Minden just about every municipal road sustained some damage, said roads superintendent Clayton Cameron.

"By the time they're all repaired it's going to cost about \$60,000," he estimated. "It could be more than that. We've



WHAT A "LITTLE" CREEK CAN DO: Maple Creek looked more like a river on Tuesday when melting snow combined with rain caused it to wash out a 20m-wide section of Hwy 121, just east of the County Road 648 intersection. The Ministry of Transportation had to close the highway until Wednesday morning as patrol supervisor Murray Bowers and his crew, including Dean Kellar in this photo, on Tuesday afternoon, emptied approximately 100 truckloads of gravel to fill the gap, which was about four metres deep. When the flood was at its peak, water reached the centre line.

got weeks of work ahead of us."

In some areas municipalities are still waiting for the water to recede before they can begin repairs.

The county's road network fared better than most in the area, suffering only minor damage, said CAO Les Shepherd.

The two roads with the worst washouts — County Rd. 5 and Kushog Lake Rd. — were both scheduled for work anyway so the flooding simply moved those construction projects ahead.

"For us the damage was pretty minimal compared to Dysart and Minden," said Shepherd. "We didn't lose any really big pipes so the roads held out."

Weather watcher Jim Elstone said Monday evening's rainfall was not solely to blame for the flooding.

"There was just over an inch of rain, which is not uncommon," he said. "If we just had the rain there likely wouldn't have been a problem. The problem was with the snow cover

which melted very quickly."

Elstone speculated that the county could've been hit harder by flooding if it weren't for the unseasonably warm conditions prior to Monday's thunderstorm.

"The melting that took place over the weekend probably saved us more flooding because the snow that melted had already gone down stream. If we hadn't had the melting over the weekend, things could've been a lot worse."

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Read the fine print when it comes to flood insurance

by JESSICA SCHEFFEE
Student Reporter

As some residents of Haliburton County are bailing their basements, they may be thinking of calling their insurance companies to make a claim. What a lot of people don't know is that floods are not covered under standard house insurance.

"It is something you have to add, it doesn't come in a package," said Drew Carey of Vasey Insurance.

Following the recent flooding of parts of Haliburton County, Gordon Abel, proprietor of Co-operators Insurance, has had two calls regarding flood claims.

"I explained to them that they don't have any coverage," he said. "More than 99 per cent of people do not carry flood insurance."

The deductible for flood coverage is \$25,000. If you live on a flood plain, an area prone to floods, the premium and the deductible would be higher.

If water escaped from a burst pipe in your house, it would be covered. If your house was damaged by a wind or hail storm, it would be covered.

"You get a lot of confusion with water damage," said Abel.

He explains that if you have seepage coming from the walls of your basement, it would not be covered, but under certain conditions, a ruptured pipe causing water damage would.

"Generally speaking, water damage from an external source is not covered," said Abel.

To avoid confusion, Abel suggests reading over your policy or sitting down with your agent to be sure you know exactly what your insurance company can do for you with your specific coverage.



All but the roof of Jim and Helen Zsarnai's car sunk into the rushing waters of the washout on Hadlington Road. The flooding was caused by a washout due north on Hwy 121, which ran into the Irondale River. The people on the other side were stranded until the next day.



One car's not lucky, the other one is

On Monday night, Mac Trudeau's car was completely surrounded by water as it sat in his driveway on Pine Street near Victoria Street. Unlike the flood of '91 that coursed through the Trudeaus' yard, this one wasn't caused by a broken beaver dam. Instead, the small creek which runs along the property and Victoria Street School flooded due to the rain and melting snow. At one point, water covered Pine Street but by Tuesday morning, when this photo was taken, the water had receded, stranding Trudeau's car on an island of stone.

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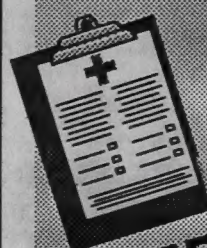
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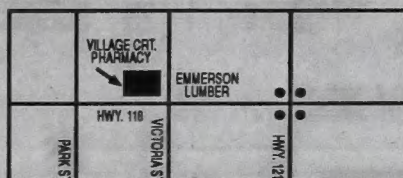


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Businesses can sign on to new marketing effort

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Those blue and white signs along the 401 will soon be taking a turn to the north.

County council has agreed to sign a contract with the company which has exclusive rights within Ontario to produce the distinctive, updated directional signs.

But if local businesses and resorts want to let travellers follow a path to their door, they should act fairly quickly.

Eligible tourism operations can apply for a sign with their

business's name as well as corporate logo at intersections within 40 kilometres from their site.

Imagine, however, the size of the sign which could go up at the intersection of Hwy 35 and County Road 121. Resorts along the Lake Kashagawigamog chain, the museum, art gallery and other "tourism oriented" destinations would all be eligible to be included.

But could all of them fit on one sign, and how big would that sign have to be if everyone "signed on" to the marketing program?

For that reason, county council is encouraging businesses to "get with the program" as soon as possible, since it will be first come, first signed.

Eligible designations include accommodation properties, tourist attractions (profit or non-profit, private or public), area profile themes and permanent tourist routes. In a tourist-oriented area such as Haliburton, the number of eligible destinations could really add up at several intersections.

As well as being able to get a destination posted on a highway sign, the county will also be changing to the blue and white signs along its roadways.

Previously, the county charged businesses to get a sign, and then an annual maintenance fee. Chief administrative officer Les Shepherd believes the fees didn't recoup all the county's costs, so although the new company is charging more than the county did, he believes the costs are justified.

Businesses who want signs will have no choice but to sign up with the new company, Canadian TODS Limited. The old signs will be taken down as the new ones go up.

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Rules set for property tax deferrals for low-income seniors

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

If you are a senior citizen who owns a house worth more than \$125,000, then county council thinks you don't need a break on your property taxes.

As part of the new assessment act, counties are obligated to give some sort of tax relief to people older than 65 whose taxes go up because of an increase in assessment. But other than that, the rules are pretty open.

On Wednesday, county council gave first reading to a motion that would place several restrictions on property tax relief for seniors and the disabled:

- properties must be assessed at less than \$125,000 for the owner to be eligible
- the owner must be considered to have a low income; for seniors that means being in receipt of an increment paid under the federal Guaranteed Income Supplement program
- the recipient cannot own other properties
- the impact on taxes from assessment increases must exceed \$300 and the tax deferral is for that amount over and above the \$300. For instance, if taxes increase \$400 because of assessment increases, an eligible senior or disabled person can defer payment of only \$100

and the taxes are to be deferred, not waived. When the owner dies or the land is sold, the estate must pay back the deferred taxes at an interest rate of 1.25% per month. In other words, the deferral is like a lien on the property.

County council wants to hear from ratepayers before finalizing the by-law.

In the past, seniors have sometimes been financially hurt by tax increases due to an increase in the value of their homes. For instance, when Muskoka switched to market value assessment a few years ago, a senior who bought a house on a lake 40 years ago could face huge increases in taxes because the property was worth a lot more in modern terms, even though the senior's income had not grown at the same rate. The mandatory tax break for seniors was seen as a way of mitigating the impact of such assessment shifts.

It's official: The name of former District 15 school board is Trillium Lakelands

Three months after its formation, the area's new school board has finally got a name.

Students in Haliburton, Muskoka and Victoria Counties now go to school in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

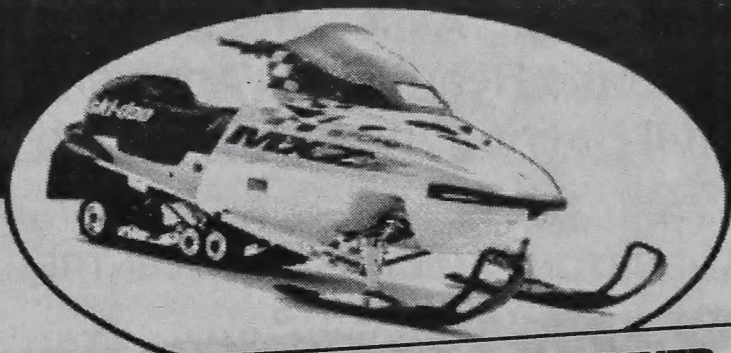
Trustees decided on the name at their meeting two weeks ago, replacing the official numerical one — District School Board # 15 — the province gave the board when it was formed at the beginning of January.

Previously trustees had recommended the name Central Ontario District School Board, but changed their minds when many members of the public balked at the name.

The Education Improvement Commission still has to approve the name change.

The board has invited schools to submit logo designs to accompany the new name by April 22. Trustees plan to review the designs and make a selection at their meeting on April 28.

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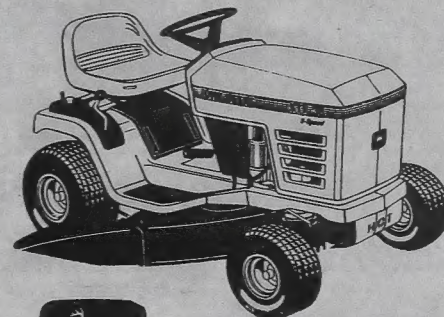
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Business taxes shift to commercial landowners only

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Commercial landowners will be picking up the tab for the loss of business taxes as part of the shift to actual value assessment.

However, Warden Murray Fearrey says that since many commercial assessments went down as a result of the new system, this won't be as hard a burden as it first might seem.

Even though municipalities can no longer charge business taxes, they still need to generate the same revenue. They could share the new burden among all land owners, including residential, but at its last meeting, county council passed the first reading of a by-law which would see commercial land taxes take on a bigger ratio instead.

Using the residential tax rate

as a benchmark, commercial land will be taxed at a rate 1.4 times that amount. That is, if a residential property's taxes are \$1,000, a commercial property with the same assessed value would pay \$1,400 in taxes.

Fearrey says that under the province-wide shift to AVA, many residential landowners, especially those with lakefront, saw their assessment go up. As their assessments increase, so too will the amount they have to pay in taxes so it was felt residential landowners shouldn't be given the extra burden of picking up lost business taxes.

Other tax ratios, as compared to residential, are:

Industrial, occupied: 1.6
Industrial, vacant: 1.14
Pipeline: 1.48
Farmlands: 0.25
Managed Forests: 0.25



GETTING THE MESSAGE OUT: The Haliburton County Development Corporation wants the world to know that the Highlands is "Where it's Art" and it's using the world-wide web to do it. With the help of CAP volunteers, such as Peg Trueman, the HCDC's arts committee is sending e-mails to newspapers around the world. The message promotes the Highlands and its artists, and asks for promotional ideas.

New DHC chooses executive director

The newly amalgamated District Health Council, which includes the Highlands, has named its executive director.

Lynda Hessey will oversee the merged councils of Durham and Haliburton, Kawartha and Pine

Ridge.

She was the executive director for the former Durham DHC, and before that, she worked in the Ministry of Health in a number of senior policy and planning positions.

Just as local groups are trying to lobby for an access route to Algonquin Park through Haliburton County, the Wildlands League is arguing against improving the existing roads.

The Ministry of Transportation wants to upgrade Hwy 60,

the main east/west corridor through the Park. It plans to fill in areas that pass through lowlands, cut off the top of hills, and improve right and left turn areas.

This will only encourage people to drive too quickly and increase the risk of hitting

wildlife crossing the highway, says the Wildlands League, which wants the Park to lower speed limits and improve signage instead.

As well, it wants the Ministry to re-consider Hwy 60's designation as the major east/west corridor for the region.

Wildlands League fights Hwy 60 improvements

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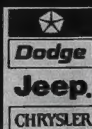
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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Access Centre's new chief no stranger to Highlands

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

John Hassan may be new to his role as the executive director of the Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria Long-term Care Access Centre, but when he attended Wednesday's open house at the Haliburton location, he certainly didn't need any directions on how to get there.

For the past 10 years, Hassan and his family have been cottaging on Little Glamor Lake, and it's a thrill for all of them to know his week-old job means they're going to be living much closer to the Highlands.

"We love coming up here," Hassan said at the open house, his first opportunity to meet many of the local staff.

After years of working in long-term care in Scarborough, he's equally excited about the opportunity of working for the Access Centre, the province's relatively new initiative to make sure people have "one-stop shopping" when it comes to getting the healthcare they need. The access centre staff, who used to work for the health unit under the now-defunct HomeCare program, assess a person's needs, whether it be moving into Hyland Crest or getting a homemaker three times a week,

and then make sure those needs are addressed.

"If you are an elderly person and your spouse has had a stroke, your first-time entry into the system is like going into a foreign country," says Hassan. The centre's aim is to be the tour guide, taking people to the best destination while making them feel comfortable about the journey.

The journey from transforming the former HomeCare program into the access centre has been difficult at times, but also a lot of fun, said Marianne McKnight, the chairperson of the board, at Wednesday's open house. It began 18 months ago as a provincial initiative, and in Haliburton at least, also included a move to the new office space on Hwy 118 beside the Dysart roads department.

"The staff ensured the transition went as smoothly as it could with new disruption to client services," said Cathy Lazslo, in bringing greetings from the Ministry of Health's long-term care division. "With the hard work of the board and community, we will have easy access and a seamless system."

At the open house, Trisha Taggart was also recognized for her conception of the centre's new logo.



WELCOME TO HALIBURTON: At Wednesday's open house at the Access Centre on Hwy 118 just north of Haliburton, the Highlands' representative on the three-county board, Ann Wood, welcomed about the organization's new executive director, John Hassan, a Little Glamor Lake cottager. The Access Centre has replaced HomeCare and offers people a single entry point into the sometimes confusing world of institutional and home-based healthcare.

Additional access centre funding will help meet clients' needs

The Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria Long-Term Care Access Centre will receive an extra \$11-million from the province.

This additional, one-time funding is to cover the costs of client services over and above the Long-Term Care Access Centre's previously approved budget. The province says the funding demonstrates its commitment to ensuring that Ontario communities have funding to provide the nursing, therapy and homemaking services that people need.

Today's increase is in addition to a \$206,500 permanent fund-

ing increase announced earlier this year.

"Our board is thrilled that the funding has come through and it will help us to address the historic service pressure that has been facing us," said Marianne Knight, Access Centre chair.

The Ministry of Health recently completed fact-finding reviews at several CCACs in the province and it will continue to monitor carefully the demands for community-based services across the province. Further fact-finding review announcements will be made soon.

"More people are now using home care because new medical

technologies allow people to leave hospital sooner and live longer," said Victoria-Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson. "These dollars are allowing the CCAC to meet that increased demand with quality services."

Streamlining will remove duplication and red tape, making more health care dollars available for front-line services. To date, \$4-million in administration costs have already been

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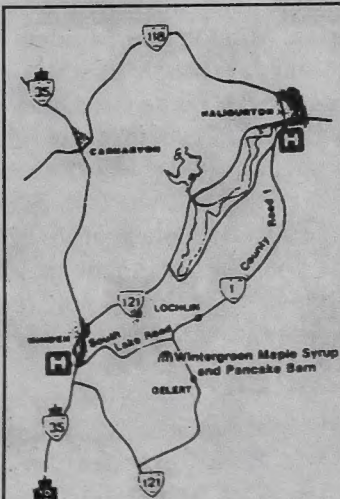
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Editorial

Murphy's Law on spring thaws

DID A MR. OR MRS. MURPHY move to the Highlands last week? If not, perhaps there are other reasons why we got so many illustrations of Murphy's Law as it applies to the spring thaw.

It seems that almost everything which could go wrong, did go wrong (including the inner mechanisms of one of *The Echo's* cameras, which took five rolls of film of the flooding in Haliburton, Gooderham and Burnt River without ever recording the images on the film. We had some great pictures of people coping with the floods, but you'll just have to take our word for it because the camera problems were discovered on Sunday afternoon when it was too late to go back and get new photos. Sorry about that.)

Although the flood waters did not reach as high as they did in 1991, the damage, at least in the Highlands, was far more severe this time around. Instead of having a slow snow melt, with sunny days evaporating the snow into the atmosphere, we had record high temperatures followed quickly by a heavy rain. Not only were creeks and rivers swollen with the usual volume of rain and melting snow, but the hard, driving rain sped up the process to an unmanageable level. Very little could have been done to prevent the resulting chaos as the rushing water carved gorges across roads and gave us all a lesson in how the Grand Canyon was formed. Neither the Trent Severn Waterway nor local roads departments could have taken effective measures to slow the quick arrival of spring; some things are still beyond our control despite all the technology at our fingertips.

Meanwhile, the roads workers and community volunteers who coped with the aftermath are to be congratulated. They worked long and hard to make sure people could get in and out of their properties as quickly as possible, patching up roads until they were passable while knowing that they'd have to return to do the real work. Thousands of dollars have and will be spent on road repairs, driving up budgets at a time when municipalities are trying to cut costs. But once again, there's little to be done except getting on with it.

The shades of green

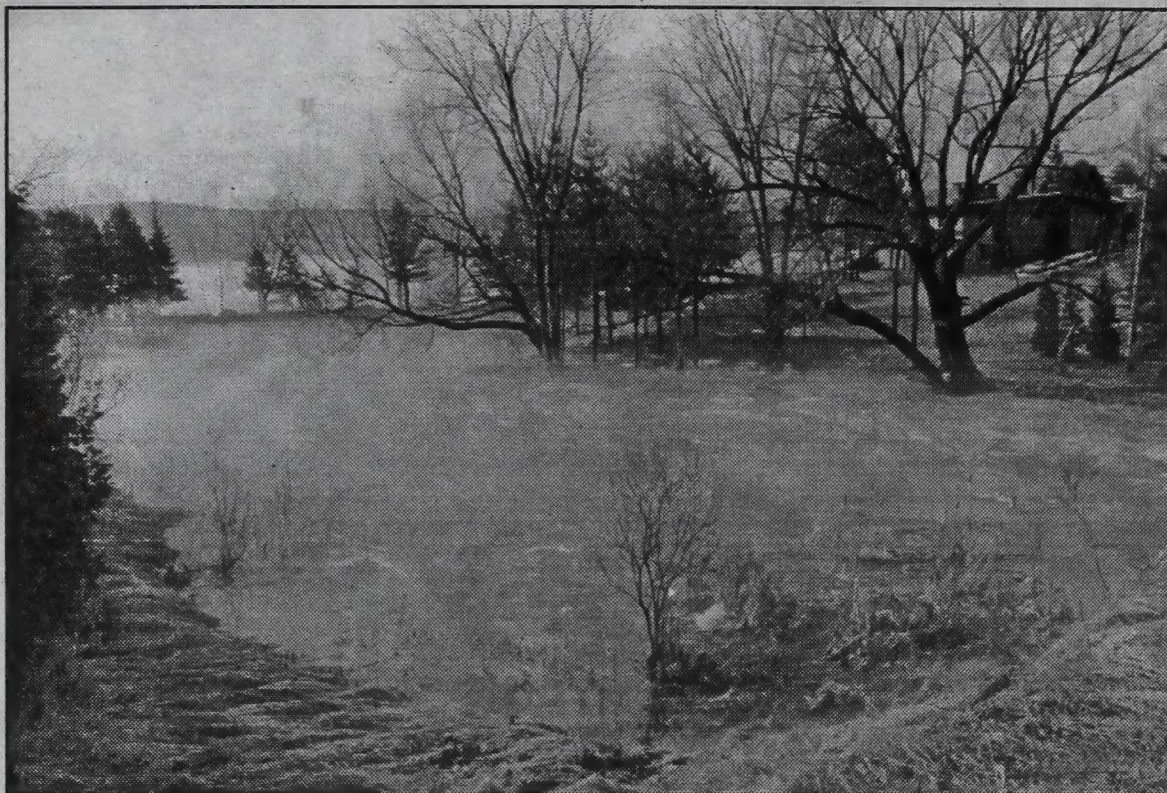
In life, as in journalism, there are always two sides of the story, and sometimes you find the closest thing to the truth somewhere in between.

When Lands for Life was first introduced as a public consultation process to determine the use of Ontario's Crown lands, environmental groups said they had to act quickly because the process was going to give away too many logging and mining rights to big corporations. It took a few months, but now there are Highlanders who are saying they have to act quickly because the plan is going to give away to many chunks of the province to those environmental types who think only canoeists should be allowed to enjoy the natural resources.

Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon has been one of the few people to strike a balanced note about the process and its results. While she agrees that municipalities and local residents should be both watchful and participatory, making sure their interests are protected, she reminded county council recently that behind all the rhetoric of "environmental groups" there are a few worthwhile goals to be shared by all.

Yes, you can have logging, but it should be done wisely, with controls in place. Yes, young families need a place to camp, but we also need to set aside places where the environment is protected. Yes, you can recognize the need of tourism dollars, but you can't destroy what the tourists are seeking when they arrive.

Perhaps the process wasn't intended to be so cumbersome, but it is important for both sides of the land-use argument to be heard. Ontario needs wilderness areas; it also needs areas where people can drive to and camp. Logging is an essential and valuable industry; trees take 50 years to grow so they have to be cut wisely. If mistakes are made now in balancing those competing views, we'll be paying for them for a long time to come. M.P.



Spring's wrath on Bayshore Acres

by Les Feero

Letters to the Editor

Family humbled by kindness of community after house fire

To the Editor:

I believe that if Jill and I live to be 120 years old we will never be able to thank or repay the kindness and generosity of the people of Haliburton County as well as Toronto and all points in between.

Our recent loss of our home to fire has been the most humbling experience that anyone could possibly go through. Jill, our daughters and I have travelled over all of North America as well as most of Central America and have never felt the sincere kindness that has been shown to us here in our own home town. It sure is a big boost to your outlook on humanity.

A special thanks to Jill's parents, Max and Verna Sisson, who once again came to our aid as well as my mother who helped us out financially and with her prayers.

We sometimes felt over the past few years that we were living under a black cloud and then to watch our house burn down in front of us, we felt completely defeated.

They say that God moves in mysterious ways and this has proven true to our family with the many blessings we have received out of this loss. We have seen so much kindness from people we knew as well as perfect strangers.

We would like to thank the firemen and ambulance attendants, as well as Dr. Stephenson and the nurses of Haliburton Hospital who treated us with so much compassion the night of the fire. We would like to thank each and every person who has

come to our aid in one way or another through our fire crisis. We will never forget that night, not just because of the fire but of all the generosity and kindness showed towards our family.

Forever grateful,
Haven, Jill and Ashley

Cook, Amber and Brock Mackie

P.S. Some of you knew old Sampson, our cat. I'm sorry to say that he paid the ultimate price. However, knowing Sam, he may just wander back into our yard just like the day he came to us.

Funding formula doesn't add up to good news for educators

To the Editor:

The long awaited education funding formula has been released and in spite of the government's proclamation that this is a "good news budget", we will reserve our judgement until the final facts are calculated and applied to our system.

As educators, we have serious concerns about the following government initiatives and philosophies, which flow from the funding model:

i) the newly formed formula which will place only one administrator in a school of 500 students;

ii) the reduction of the number of teachers in Trillium Lakelands District School Board;

iii) the reduction of maintenance and secretarial support staff due to a new staffing formula;

iv) the fear that children in our inner city schools, where problems of language, racism and poverty abound, will be short-changed; and

v) the fact that inflation rates do not appear to be factored into the formula over the next three years.

Yes, we will not be losing further money to our classrooms and that is good. However, we must remember that education was cut \$1-billion last year and schools around the province lost programs and support staff. This government had concrete plans to cut a further \$666-million. It would have been criminal on their part to cut education funding further.

In our opinion, the Harris government is not a defender of public education as it cries "stabilized funding" but in fact was

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Jockeying for position

I'VE NEVER REALLY considered my life's companion to be anything but perfection, but I have recently had a revelation that has left me somewhat shaken. It seems that my nearest and dearest thinks I am, for lack of a better term, "one of those crazy woman drivers".



ANNECDOTES

Anne Creelman

This phrase is as old and outdated as Laura Petrie's stove-pipe pants and blue-plate specials at diners. I never thought that someone with whom I share a life would infer this of me, but subtle remarks of late have left me feeling a touch touchy about my prowess behind the wheel.

For the record, I would like to say that I have only had one minor accident in my driving career. It happened when I was about eighteen and I mistakenly nudged a gas pump when pulling up to the island. There was no damage to car or gas station but my confidence took quite a beating. Since then, I have driven for over 20 years without incident.

I hope that by making this statement I am not tempting fate. I was a Young Driver of Canada and now, as an Older Driver of Canada, I still practise defensive driving. I'm alert while at the same time mellow enough to know that road rage will not rear its ugly head with me. I'm primarily a short haul kind of gal, but I do the longer runs when pressed upon. I don't like cities I'm not sure of and the only time I have ever driven in Toronto was once ten years ago, and I am still recovering.

But I would like to say that if I was able to concentrate solely on my driving, like say a Jacques Villeneuve, I too could whiz around a track at breakneck speeds. However, I'm my own pit team and I am in charge of all of my cargo until the checkered flag is waving. Rather than trying nudge someone off the track, I have to contend with gaggles of gigglers, smelly garbage (dump day), "I think I'm going to be sick", "Gross, she was sick", "open the window, please", "I'm cold, could you close it now?", heaving roads, "look at the time, we're late again", "are we almost there", "turn up the radio, please" etc, etc. In fact, I would like to challenge the Quebec's Blond Bad Boy to a day of driving around with three kids, a dog and Haliburton roads in the spring and see just what kind of a driver he really is. I think I do quite well, exhibiting a little finesse while arriving alive.

Apparently my husband thinks otherwise. The remarks usually start as I don my driving gloves and jauntily jump into the driver's seat. As I adjust my goggles, he states the obvious, "Oh, I guess you're driving" to which I reply, "Are you buckled?" and we're off. As many of you may know, we live on a rather large hill which can be a bit daunting to drivers who may not be acquainted with the intricate twisting and turning of the road. I've driven it so many times I could do it with my eyes closed and you'd think that was what I was doing, the way my white-faced husband reacts. "Jeepers, who shot the starting pistol? Can you slow down and get over to the right." All this is said through clenched teeth and with his strained knuckles groping for the handle of the door.

I must tell you, I do not drive any faster than he does, but because he is not in control of the vehicle at hand, he feels that nobody is and we are merely hurtling down roads without a driver. By the time we are turning the corner into JDH, he is slightly green and has cracked the window for some fresh air. Max gets out of the car and says, "It's okay Dad, you'll get there in one piece", gives me a wink and exits laughing. By the time we drop Dad at the office, I expect him to get out and kiss the ground but instead he just says, "Thanks for the ride and try to drive carefully, Ms. Andreotti". Wise guy!

Now that we get Speedvision on TV, I'll be able to pick up some pointers from the Big Boys, then I'll show him.

Teachers waiting for further details to assess funding impact

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motivated by politics as they saw the writing on the wall. The people of Ontario care passionately about our education system and voiced that opinion loud and clear. Teachers across the province made a very difficult decision to leave their classrooms in defence of their students' right to a public education funded adequately by the government. Parents and other citizens joined the effort to stop the government's assault on education. There is no doubt in

our minds that if we had not rallied together, we would be looking at a very different education budget today.

We remain vigilant as the board assesses the numbers and the full details of this funding formula unfold. We will monitor the impact on our own system and be watchful for all students of Ontario. We encourage interested citizens to ask questions and keep a watchful eye.

Christine Lynd, President
Haliburton Women Teachers



Pic of the Past

NOW THAT WINTER is almost safely behind us, we thought no one would get upset at the sight of all this snow. Joe Iles brought in this photograph of Hwy 121 as it snakes behind the Dysart arena. The year was

probably 1943 and it was an average amount of snow. Drivers today probably wouldn't fare well with such snowplowing standards. Our thanks to Mr. Iles for sharing the photo with our readers.

Women's shelter a place of healing

MANY YEARS AGO Mark Twain pointed out the kinship between lies, damned lies and statistics. A case in point — how do you measure love? Love in this case also means care, compassion, personal sacrifice, all those elements that prompt us to help others. Statistics are, of course, those crude tools we use to attempt to measure the results of our actions, an pastime somewhat akin to snaring rainbows with a butterfly net.

A few months ago I had the privilege of interviewing women who had been forced, along with their children, to seek refuge from abusive relationships in SIRCH's Women's Emergency House. They all described to me their feelings of immediate relief upon entry, knowing that they were now at least temporarily safe. This was, at least to me, a normal reaction after living for weeks in emotional states ranging from fear to outright terror. What I did not expect, however, were the feelings of wonder and joy many women expressed after a few days residency. Some examples:

"To all the wonderful and supportive staff and volunteers at Women's Emergency House -

each time I think of what you've done I'm more grateful than before - thanks for all your help."

"The house is beautiful and the staff are the most wonderful caring people I have ever met, I personally don't know what I would have done without them."

"The staff are very comforting and compassionate, very good listeners...even when you are a total wreck and nothing seems to make sense at all."



PERSPECTIVES

Lon Duncombe

"I don't think it would be possible to have better volunteers than what you have. I love and appreciate them all for their sensitivity, their caring and their encouragement."

"Thank you for all the support, nurturing, caring, goodies, sense of security, great meals, understanding, patience, and laughter, to mention just a few of the wonderful gifts you gave to my child and myself."

"I feel stronger both mentally and physically than I have in years and I owe that to the wonderful women here..."

"This is a wonderful house which seems to have a very healing effect - physically, emotionally, spiritually. I was pretty run-down physically when I came in, and the atmosphere of caring, healthy foods, and being able to sleep soundly at night, had almost immediate effects. Once my physical strength returned, the emotional and spiritual aspects were much easier to address."

How do we graph the emotions contained in the above comments? How do we assign a dollar amount to the efforts of the many volunteers, as well as the two overworked staffers, and their love, compassion and personal sacrifice that are the heart of Women's Emergency House? It has become a place of healing that will continue to improve the spiritual life of our community for years to come. In an age of disintegrating relationships and family break ups, none of us knows how our own future will unfold. Many women — many mothers, many children — are potential residents of Women's Emergency House. It would be a tragedy if, for whatever reasons, our lack of support forces this unique institution to close.

Boonieville

by Charlie Teljeur



Architects shape our quality of life with buildings

ORGANIZED SPACES and organized places, in other words architecture. Can there be any art form that affects our lives more than this one? Where we work, where we shop, where we live - everywhere we are surrounded by buildings and spaces shaped by architectural trends.

Buildings and constructed spaces are so permanent. Are we the citizenry only pawns as the trend shapers set their latest theories, both literally and figuratively, into concrete?

We must all ask whether we just accept the prevailing thinking that so influences the quality of our lives. Too often it seems the concepts that fuel the trends are more inspired by the desire to have something new and different than dictated by common sense.

I wonder what Peterborough planners think now of their willing embrace of that popular post-W.W.II trend that

ART AND ME

Marion J. Hare

called for the rejuvenation of city centres by using the town squares for major shopping facilities. As a child, one of my great thrills was to visit my aunt in Peterborough's market square where she sold her produce. Sometimes I had even helped to collect the eggs for sale.

But the modern prevailing thinking dictated that the vitality and neighbourliness of the open square was to be replaced by the efficiency of a shopping mall. The great state-of-the-art Eaton Centre on Peterborough's main street was erected with only the clock tower remaining to recall the past glories of the spot. Now all is in disarray for Eaton's has closed its doors and Cineplex has moved

in. Something essential was lost when the centre of the city was turned into a shopping mall, and the fallacy of the planners of the day has come back to haunt the city.

Some other cities large or small have kept these open spaces and have found other uses for them which still attract shoppers, perhaps less economically attractive but far more "user friendly." Some as in the mighty city of Paris, France have resisted completely. Paris still has many neighbourhoods with small squares that once or twice weekly vibrate with produce stalls and eager patrons.

New ways of organizing the spaces and places of our world are not by definition suspect, nor are the ones we already have necessarily adequate. Too often, however, one facet of our world becomes the dominating influence be it economic advantage or environmental concern or even the desire to partake of the latest trend. How to strike a balance? Would more input by those even peripherally concerned add another welcome dimension when major changes are desired?

The residents of Lake of Bays thought so. They came up with a novel and inclusive approach when they thought about how their region should be developed. The first stage of their planning was called the "Vision" stage. More than 1,000 residents were asked two questions: "What do you like about this area now?" and "What changes would you like to see in the future?"

The answers to the questions became the guiding principles when 60 concerned residents and professionals formed the actual planning group. This was stage two. The third and final stage will be the implementation. Best of all they have recorded the entire process in two volumes that they have deposited in the county office in Dwight.

Could their experience help our towns? Periodically in Haliburton Village one hears rumours of a main street beautification process. Minden is already launched on a major industrial park. Have the two simple questions developed by the Lake of Bays residents been considered and perhaps included in the dynamics of the projects? Could their committee's careful recording of their process be of value to our planners?

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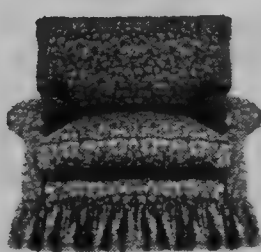
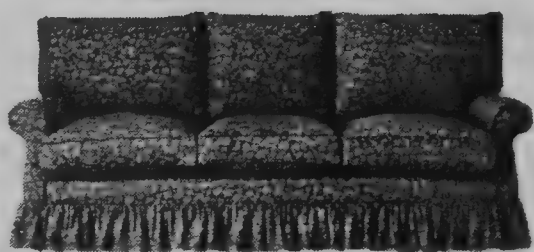
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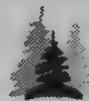
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Shelter gives women comfort, support

To the Editor:

I have just learned that Women's Emergency House is likely to close at the end of April due to lack of funds. There are people living within the Haliburton County area who have cause to be very thankful that such a facility exists for them. There are also those who do not believe that it has any part to play in their lives. I would ask everyone who reads this to take a moment and look within themselves. Ask these questions of yourself...

"Am I thankful that I do not live the kind of life where I would have a need for a place such as Women's Emergency House?" If so, then please help those who do.

"Am I glad that I am not driven by powerful forces which lead me to abuse my spouse and family?" If so, then please help the victims of those who are.

"Have I ever needed a place such as Women's Emergency House?" If so, then please help to continue to make this refuge possible.

"Do I know anyone who would benefit from the comfort and support offered by

Women's Emergency House?" If so, then please help them to find this place by keeping it open.

"Have I ever been responsible for abusing my spouse and family?" If so, then help them now.

"Do I know anyone who has been to Women's Emergency House and been offered shelter there?" If so, then you will understand how important it is and how much it needs your help.

"Do I know nothing about Women's Emergency House and don't particularly want or need to?" If so, then be thankful and please help those who do need it.

"Do I believe that, in this life, people should help themselves and not rely on others?"

If so, then pray to God you will never need a comforting word and a supporting hand reaching out to you at a dark and terrible time in your life.

Don't let Women's Emergency House close. The responsibility is ours — everyone within the community which it serves.

Caryl Moulton
Eagle Lake

WEH needs financial help to stay open

To the Editor:

I first became involved with Women's Emergency House in the planning stage, when Jude King came to speak to my class at the high school about woman abuse. The first letter I ever wrote to a newspaper was in support of the House when they were scrambling to find a new site after prospective neighbours had objected. The following summer I helped with insulation, drywall and paint. I was assisting professionals and contractors who donated time and materials to construct the house. I remember one man from a city south of here who was spending his holidays putting up most of the drywall upstairs. I also updated the sign outside the building that listed the volunteers and supportive businesses. I enjoyed learning new skills and the physical work, but I was nervous about working with the women who would use the facility.

A few months after the House opened, I found myself training as a volunteer in the "second generation." Honestly, I think the reason I joined was that I wanted to get to know some of the other women who were volunteering in the House: they were creative, energetic, and involved in all kinds of things. I was surprised at how intensive the training was, and then surprised at how much we laughed together. The other volunteers (and co-ordinators,

who actually volunteer more of their free time than any of us) are my favourite part of being involved with WEH.

Volunteering in the House is draining. We always have to be alert for the safety of the residents and other volunteers. On top of that, we assist with the shopping, cooking, cleaning and laundry of a busy household. But the effort and energy required seem minuscule when I think about how difficult it is for women and children to make the decision to leave their homes and enter our House, and how I see them revive during their time with us. Utterly exhausted when they arrive, after a few days of our cheerful, peaceful routine they can see new possibilities for themselves.

During the volunteer training, we were warned that most abused women leave several times before they make a complete break, and that one reason our House was needed was that friends and family would eventually stop supporting a woman if she returned to the abusive partner. We will support a woman in whatever choices she makes. However, so far, very few women who enter the House return to the abusive relationships they left.

Even harder than the time I waved good-bye to a woman who was going back to the man who had blackened her eye was the time I had to tell a caller that

the House was absolutely full, and she would have to go out of town to another shelter. Readers may or may not understand that Women's Emergency House is slated to close at the end of April, unless enough money is raised to fund our operation for the next year, and that the majority of that money will have to come from this community, in the absence of government or corporate support. Unfortunately, our staff and volunteers are so busy running the House that we have little time for fundraising.

There are hundreds of people who have donated money, construction materials, handmade quilts, used furniture and clothes, food, toys for the playroom and especially hours and hours of their time to building and operating this House. When I think of all that has been invested by this community so far, it seems unbelievable that the House could close. If it does, our friends, neighbours, colleagues and classmates will have to leave the county in order to leave abuse. Is that the kind of place you want to call home?

If you would like to help, with time or money or fundraising proposals, please call 457-1417 as soon as possible. The House is still open, and calls are answered by a volunteer 24 hours a day... for now.

Jennifer Paton
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OMHA Novices are Timmy Tyke champs

Huskies rebound from loss at series final to win big at Maple Leaf Gardens

by ROY BURK

On April 1, the OMHA Novice Huskies were home for their fourth game of the finals

against the Oro Thunder. Oro had a two-to-one lead on us but our boys were improving with every game.

The first period was mostly

defensive and the shots were limited to four each. Oro did manage to score first just before three minutes were up but the Huskies kept trying and at the

3:33 mark, they tied the game. Dylan Metcalfe passed up to Adam Sisson who then rushed up the ice and blew it by the Thunder goalie.

The second period was more aggressive and the shots on net doubled. Both goalies were hot as both teams increased their offensive play. Unfortunately, Oro scored first again. Ian Sachs had the puck smothered after a scramble in front of the net but a slow whistle allowed an Oro player to poke it in. The Huskies fought back but the puck wouldn't bounce our way and the period ended in a tie.

The third was the same for a while as the play went end to end and the shots on net were almost equal. Our luck didn't change though and Oro managed to score three goals within five minutes. Two of them were scored after Ian was able to cover them but a Thunder player was left alone long enough to poke the puck in the net. After that, frustration set in and we started to take chances that ended up in penalties. Oro capitalized on us being shorthanded and scored two more goals. The boys tried their best but Oro could taste blood and kept the puck bottled up in our end for most of the third period.

The Oro Thunder won the

game 6 to 1 and the Novice championships three games to one.

This was a disappointment to our little guys but it was soon forgotten as thoughts turned to the weekend. On Saturday, April 5 the Huskies were dressed in their home uniforms and ready to play hockey at Maple Leaf Gardens for the Timmy Tyke Tournament finals. The boys were pumped and ready to do business. The last time they had met the North Toronto Select team it was a victory for us. It was a hard fought game that could have went either way and the coaches expected this game to be the same.

The first period started off with the play being in the neutral zone. But at the 7:05 mark, the Huskies got the scoring going when Dylan found Scott Lewis in front of the net. Within four minutes, we were up by two when Dylan made another nice pass, this time to Adam. Adam took the puck around Toronto's net and passed out front to Devin Hunter who drove the puck home. The first period scoring ended at the 17 second mark when Adam shot into the corner and Dylan picked it up. He then dished off to Devin in

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THE CHAMPIONS: The Atom B Huskies ended their season as the Tri-County Teel Division champions. Congratulations to the team - front row (l to r): Greg Nimigon, Jamie Timbers, Jonathan Sharpley, Adam Trueman, Nick Chumbley, Scott Clark, Michel Leroux. Back row (l to r): Kyle Espie, Gord Timbers, Coach Ginny Heming, Shawn Heming, Assistant Coach Keith Dalton, Travis Burke, Nick Judge; Manager Dick Burke, Greg Dalton, Assistant Coach Dave Chumbley.

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Hot offence, team play add up to victory

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front of the net and we were up by three.

The second period was a little different as Toronto increased the pressure in our end and it paid off early when they scored with only two minutes off the clock. The play was getting bottled up in our end but our defense was tough and Ryan Bottum cleared over to Devin who was waiting at the hash mark. Devin then went tape to tape with Dylan who then broke the Toronto defence and rushed in to give us our fourth goal. Toronto didn't give up though and before a minute had gone by, they scored two more goals and cut the lead down to one. Our defense got involved again when Matt Tripp passed off to Dylan, who gave it to Adam.

Adam went in on a breakaway and gave us a two-goal lead to end the second period.

The final period was all ours as our defensive game stopped most of Toronto's rushes and allowed only four shots on net. Kenton Winn did an excellent job of keeping it in their end while Jeff Burk was able to stop several two-on-one attempts. Galen Bowman and Tyler Watson were digging in the corners and kept their opponents confused. Our offense was still too hot and started early in the third period when Matt dished off to Adam and he went end to end for his second goal. Exactly a minute later, Ryan got us started again when he passed over to Adam and he took a shot on

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net. The rebound came out to the charging Devin and he drove the puck deep into the net. This was his hat trick and our seventh and final goal. North Toronto tried to get back into the game with a goal late in the third but it was too late.

Ian Sachs played an excellent game and stood his ground even though he had 17 shots on him and most of them were in the

danger zone. He had to deal with several scrambles in front of the net as well as hard shots from within the hash marks. The boys played a great game and walked away with a 7 to 4 win and their fourth victory at a tournament.

The Timmy Tyke Tournament was a well organized event and a lot of fun for all who attended. It was a great experience for our guys and I know they will never forget the great time they had.

This was a busy but glorious year. Our Novice team ended up with 50 wins, 9 losses and one tie. We were in four tournaments

and never lost a game. The boys were even tougher away from home as they only lost one away game all year. The coaching staff and the parents are very proud of our players' efforts and achievements.

On behalf of all the parents and players, I would like to thank all of the coaching staff for their devotion to teaching these kids. Jim Winn, Greg Metcalfe, Kevin Sisson, Norm Bottum and Brian Sachs did an excellent job of working with this team. Thanks again and see you next year.

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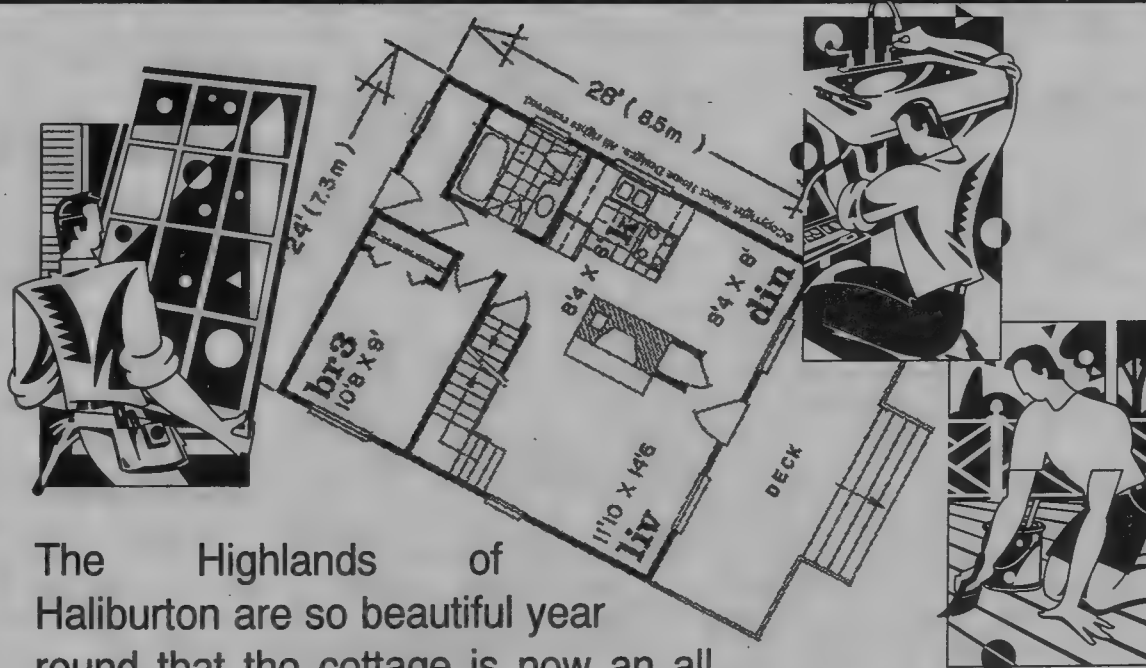
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MORE SPORTS

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Skaters perform well at final meet

by Michael Browne
Skating Parent

Several of our local skaters made the annual pilgrimage to the Make-It-A-Date-To-Skate competition, in North Bay, on the weekend of March 7.

This well organized competition, held in the Memorial Gardens, has become a favourite of skaters from the Minden and Haliburton clubs.

Built like a mini-stadium, the Gardens give first time attenders that feeling of "big time" skating. A treat for us parents who can spectate, toasty warm, in only our shirtsleeves! But this venue is not without its hazards.

For some unknown reason (probably looks) the organizers drape all of the boards in deep blue vinyl. Problem is, after the door is closed behind the skater, the ice "stage" becomes a nightmare for some competitors.

The ends of the rink are somewhat distinguishable (the zamboni end and the window end). The sides, however, appear identical to the skater, each with a clock, identical rows of colour coded seats and, of course, that lovely blue vinyl cover on the boards!

The skaters get no help from the judges; unlike every other competition where the judges sit rink side, in North Bay they are tucked away about ten rows up from the ice.

We had heard stories about "confused" skaters from other years, and there was much scuttlebutt, pre-competition, among our local competitors, as to which end just had to be the snack bar end.

For Haliburton skaters, everything begins and ends with the snack bar! You see, skaters need to know "where" they are at all times when on the ice stage, as specific elements (jumps, spins and footwork) are choreographed to occur in certain spots.

Some skaters, even have their cheering section stand at a designated spot, close to the boards, to orient themselves.

One of our very own, whose anonymity we must protect,

exited a spin early in her program, only to be horrified that she couldn't tell which end was up. The "stunned banana" look of confusion was almost comical to her anxious fans as she contemplated which way to go as her music played on. A quick recovery allowed her to complete her program, even though it was done on opposites sides and ends. You see, she had turned the wrong way! Mentally scratching her head as she curtisied to the judges, the question of "What happened out there?" followed her off the ice. Just another victim of the blue vinyl boards!

Our skaters did themselves, their parents and the club proud with some outstanding skating. Jenny Perrott, skating in North Bay for a second time, in Juvenile Ladies A showed off her grace and style, with a smooth performance earning her a 4th place finish in semi-finals. She narrowly missed advancing to finals. Stand proud, Jenny!

Skating to "Happy Days", Terri-Lynn Lumley rediscovered her sparkle to perform the skate of her life. Her performance was flawless. She landed her double salchow for the first time in competition and earned third place in semi-finals and advanced to finals, where she finished 4th overall in the Juvenile Ladies A event. Wow! Well done, Terri-Lynn.

Next up was Tori Browne who skated her short program in the Pre-Novice Competitive Ladies event. It was a tough outing for Tori as she fell on both of her required double jumps, thus missing her double lutz/double toe loop combination. Her program had some fine moments with excellent spins and great overall quality. Obviously disappointed, Tori succumbed to the waterworks, figuring she placed last. The judges, however, recognized the quality of her skating, her speed and attack on the jumps. Tori's surprise with a 4th place finish (one short of advancing to finals) perked her spirits.

Later that day, she skated her long program after overcoming a



GOOD SHOWING IN NORTH BAY: Figure skaters from the Haliburton club performed extremely well at a recent meet in North Bay. Among the competitors were: (back, from left) Tori Browne, Tristan Pawluch, Cassandra Nimigon, (front, from left) Jade MacInnes, Jenny Perrott, Kerry Heming and Terri-Lynn Lumley.

severe bout of disorientation early in her program (Oops! Sorry Tori!). She was able to demonstrate some of her bigger tricks for the judges, including a double flip, double toe combination. She was pleased with an overall 5th place ordinal. These were significant improvements over her results, in prior years. Congratulations, Tori!

Sometimes you have to wonder if the judges are watching the same performance you are. Tanya Peacock, skating at the Juvenile Ladies B level, had a solid skate successfully performing her elements with grace and much confidence. Her cheering section judged her performance far superior to the miserly 7th place handed out by the judges. While a little disappointed with the outcome, Tanya can hold her head high knowing she gave it her all, holding nothing back. Way to go, Tanya!

Celeste Butz competed in North Bay for the very first time. A little apprehensive with all the scuttlebutt surrounding the "blue vinyl boards", Celeste took to the ice like a champion. She was flying high in artistic, elegant style. While not all jumps were executed as she might have wished, she skated with heart. The judges awarded her 10th place, a good result for her debut at this high calibre competition. Super job, Celeste.

After suffering painful knee problems all season and a sore hip caused from some nasty pre-competition falls, Cassandra

Nimigon (a.k.a. "I may be down, but never count me out, Nimigon!") competed for the very first time at the Novice Ladies Competitive level.

This is only two levels down from our current Canadian champion Angela Derochie! Cass worried she might not belong with the other skaters at this level.

She skated a very artistic program, roaring like a lion with her speed and confidence. She threw in every double jump she has ever worked on, whether she was landing them consistently or not. She was awarded a very respectable 7th place, and was heard to say that she felt she now belonged! Awesome, Cass! You are such an inspiration to the younger skaters and the parents!

Tristan Pawluch is a veteran of this competition, having skated in North Bay for several years. It is very exciting to think that Tristan is now entering the Junior Competitive ranks. Many skaters only ever get to dream about this. For Tristan, it is just one step closer to one day joining the legends at the senior level, at the Canadian nationals. He has worked very diligently, and has earned the right to skate at this level.

Tristan chose to "skate up" a category and performed his Junior Competitive short program, for the very first time. He won the gold medal for his effort. Later he skated his long program at the Novice

Competitive level, one of the last times he will do this. He was on the podium with a bronze medal. We are very proud of you, Tristan. We're watching for your debut on national television!

In other skating news.....several skaters attended the Eastern Ontario Section Invitational Championships (EOSIC) in Kingston, in late February. In the Juvenile event, Jenny Perrott placed 11th and Terri-Lynn Lumley placed 12th. Cassandra Nimigon earned 5th place in the Junior Silver Ladies event, while Tanya Peacock finished in 11th place in the Senior Bronze event.

Competing at the Fenelon Falls Follies on March 21, in the Introductory Ladies event were two of our younger skaters. Kerry Heming earned 4th place in Elements and 7th place for her solo performance. Jade MacInnes finished in 8th place in her solo performance. Congratulations, "Ladies". Well done!

At a test day in Minden on March 27, Tori Browne was successful in passing the last of her Jr. Silver dances, the American Waltz and the Harris Tango. Tori also passed the elements portion of her Senior Silver Freeskate test. Cassandra Nimigon successfully completed the elements for her Junior Silver Freeskate test. Great job, guys!

Until next time then, Go figure?...skating!

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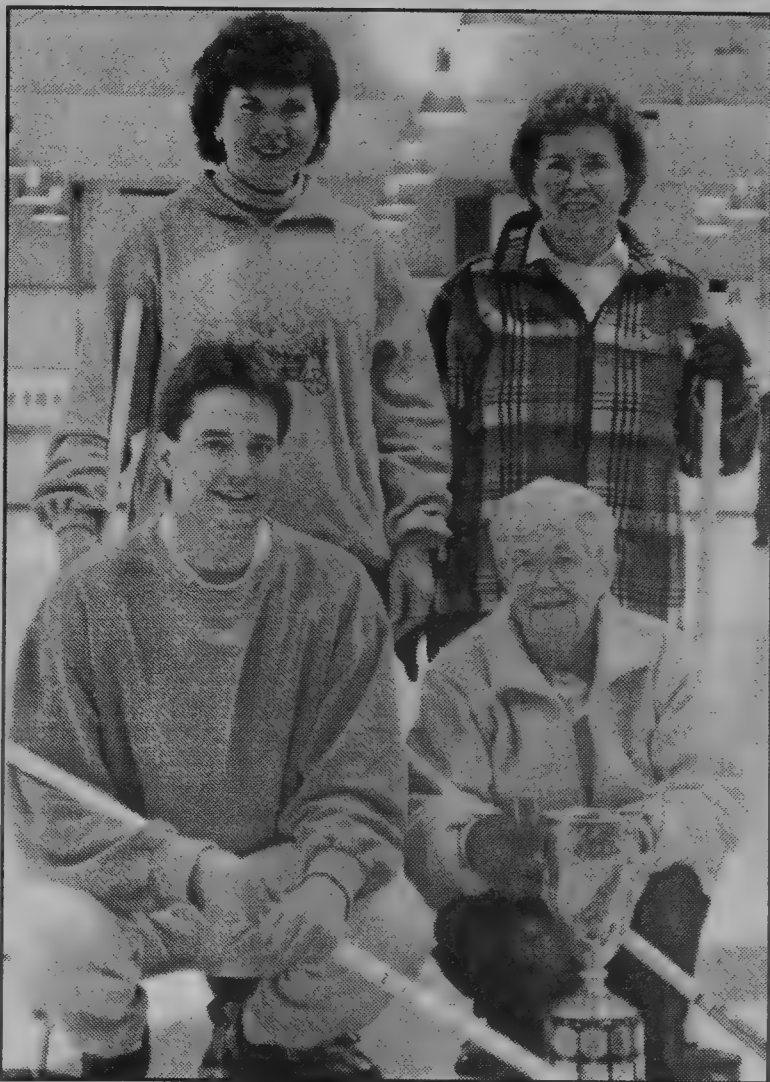
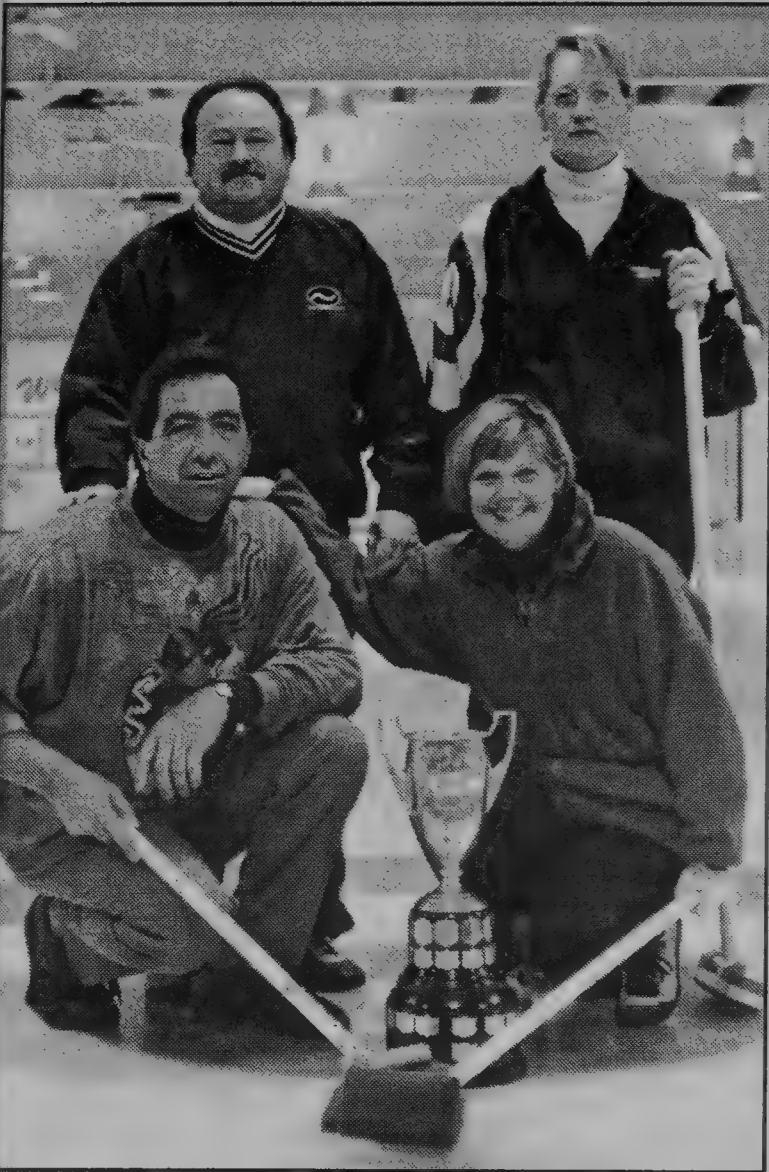
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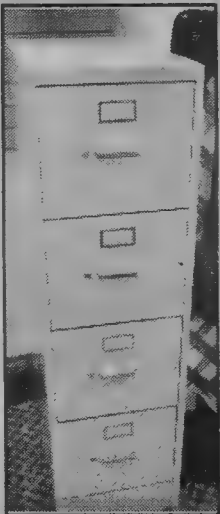
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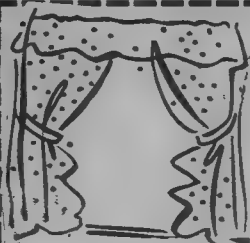
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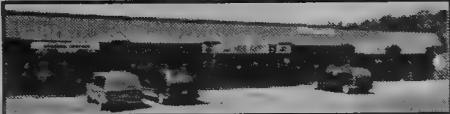
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Lesters rack up more snowcross wins

Racing in balmy, summer-like temperatures at the second annual Talisman Mountain Snow Cross must have suited both Luke and AJ Lester of Minden. They scored an almost perfect weekend of racing as the 1998 CSRA Snow Cross season approached its end. Only the Canadian Snow Cross Championships set for April 11-12 at Searchmont Ski Resort in Sault Ste. Marie remain. Both Lesters are in prime position to score multiple division and multiple class championships after the Talisman weekend.

CSRA Novice Division racing has literally exploded with larger entries being seen at

every event. AJ Lester took his Steve Charity-tuned Ski-Doo MX-Z 440 to a solid win during Saturday's qualifying round.

On Sunday, temperatures were a little cooler and the race surface was somewhat faster and he won the Novice Final by almost half a lap. AJ now has a commanding 15-point lead in the Novice Division, heading into the last event of the year.

Luke Lester has had his sights set on a perfect weekend for some time and it looked like it might happen after he won every Sport Division qualifier last Saturday. Running the Sport 500 final in heavy traffic with more than a dozen sleds

on the track. Luke out rode the pack to score his first class win of the weekend and placed himself within six points of a class championship.

On Sunday, Luke rocketed out of the gate using his Tim George-tuned Polaris XC-F 440 to win the Sport 440 Fan final. Luke now leads the Sport 440 Fan class by five points.

Next up was the Sport Open class and Luke had his sights set on victory again. After a second turn pile-up and a restart, Luke found himself in fourth position. His Polaris XC-600 was running perfectly, thanks to great preparation and just the right combination of power and suspension. Entering

the roughest section of the track, Luke used a new line and passed all three riders at one time and went on to win by a healthy margin. Luke leads the Sport Open class by 21 points.

Unfortunately, the clean sweep was dented when Luke tangled with another rider in the Sport 600 class, leaving his XC-600's rear suspension damaged. In spite of this, Luke was able to salvage a sixth place finish. Luke leads the class by 15 points.

Luke's tally of three firsts and a sixth give him an outstanding 50 point lead in the CSRA's Sport Division Championship heading into the final round.

Ranger program offers job opportunities for teens

The Ministry of Natural Resources is reminding students that the deadline for applications for the 1998 Ontario Ranger Program is April 24.

Information brochures and applications are available from high school guidance departments, MPP offices and local offices of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

To apply for the eight-week residential Ontario Ranger Program, Ontario students must be 17 years of age, or born in 1981, and be eligible to work in Canada.

Successful applicants will be assigned to Ontario Ranger camps across the province where they will work in forest management, fish and wildlife management, and parks jobs.

The Ranger program is part of the government's Youth Opportunities Ontario strategy.

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Olympic spirit catches on

Special Olympians from Highlands prepare for their first competition

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The Olympic spirit is spreading in the Highlands.

Area residents with mental disabilities can now participate in the Special Olympics for the first time, thanks to the hard work of organizers and the strong support of volunteers and local sponsors.

A team of bowlers has already been practising for its first competition on April 19 in Peterborough.

And organizers have volunteer coaches in place to begin working with athletes in two other sports — figure skating and track and field.

"There's been a tremendous amount of interest, both by the athletes and by members of the community," said Sharon Singleton, a community relations officer for Ontario Special Olympics.

Singleton has been working with Cheryl Curry and Maureen O'Hara of the Haliburton County Association for Community Living to bring the Special Olympics to the county.

"The support has been absolutely excellent," said Curry. "The Chamber of Commerce has shown support and people in the community have come up and said things ... It's been absolutely wonderful."

Unlike the winter and summer Olympics — held every four years — the Special Olympics take place throughout the year in the communities where they've been established.

Adult and child athletes don't require any experience. The main goal of the Special Olympics is to give the participants the opportunity to enjoy themselves and share new experiences.

The county's eight-member bowling team, the Haliburton Highlands Hustlers, has been practising each Saturday at the County Bowling Alley in Minden to get

ready for its first regional competition.

The team — coached by Jim Mickle and sponsored by Re/Max — still has room for more athletes, as well as an assistant coach.

Volunteer drivers are also needed to help bring athletes to their weekly practices. The bowling season ends in May and resumes in September.

To become a volunteer or to find out more information about the bowling team, call Jim Mickle at 489-1470.

Special Olympians from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will begin competing in track and field events this spring and summer on a team coached by teacher Bruce Griffith.

The team's first regional meet is scheduled for June in Pickering.

"If younger athletes are interested in track and field, we'd like to get a program up and running for elementary schools as well," said Singleton.

For information about the track team, call Cheryl Curry at the Haliburton County Association for Community Living, 457-2626.

Long-time figure skating coach Aggie Tose has volunteered to lead a team for people with mental disabilities who are interested in learning how to skate.

"There is summer ice available so if people are interested, we can get that organized for the summer," Singleton said.

More information about the skating program is available by calling Aggie Tose at 457-5415.

Next fall and winter organizers plan to establish programs in nordic and alpine skiing.

As long as there is sufficient interest, athletes can take part in any of the Special Olympic sports.

"All we need is one athlete and one coach," said Singleton.

This spring the Special Olympics plans to kick off its annual torch run in the Highlands.

The run, which raises funds for the non-profit organization, will start in Haliburton and pass through Minden and Cobocok.

Officers from more than 120 law enforcement agencies will gather pledges before logging approximately 8,000 kilometres on the run.

Local athletes participating in the Special Olympics will also gather pledges. All the money they raise will go toward the community's Special Olympics program.

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Sherborne to fight heritage park designation

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 24 meeting of county council.

Sherborne et al will fight a proposal that would see Kimble Lake and Rockaway Lakes become heritage parks.

Since 98% of the northern municipality is Crown land, including a good chunk of Algonquin Park, Sherborne does not want to see more of it absorbed into parkland with restricted uses, says Reeve Don Shortreed.

The heritage park proposal is part of the Lands for Life planning process to determine uses of Crown land for the next two decades.

Shortreed says there are cottages and hunt camps on water-access-only Kimble Lake and a private road which goes near its south end, even though the proposal says it is a remote area. In the future, that road could become a municipal one, opening up access to the area.

Other reeves supported Shortreed, worried that public use of the land – snowmobiling, hunting, fishing – would be restricted to only those who like to canoe, for instance. Many of them attended the recent Lands for Life meeting in Bancroft to make this point, and others.

However, Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon hoped there was also a commitment among county councillors to make sure Ontario's natural resources were preserved for present and future enjoyment. "I would like to think there's also some interest in the middle ground," she said. "If there's any value to eco-tourism, we have

to put some land aside."

The problem is you can't quantify the economic benefits of eco-tourism, said Snowdon Reeve Ross Rigney, who just returned from a trip to Australia and New Zealand, where heritage parks were a big draw for European tourists. However, he agreed that "we want to make sure (the land) is open to everyone, not just canoeists or people with vested interests."

Warden Murray Fearrey said that since approximately 70% of the province is Crown land, worrying about putting land aside as parks was not as pressing as some groups would make it seem. Shortreed agreed. "Towards Sudbury there are vast tracks of land so that the public won't be left out if these two places (in Sherborne et al) aren't made into heritage parks."

Warden's pay

Fearrey was given a raise that he wasn't even sure he wanted.

His stipend as warden will increase from \$2,000 a year to \$10,000, and while the jump may seem steep, it still means the county is not overly generous in rewarding the extra work the job entails when compared to other jurisdictions.

As the elected head of county council, the warden's role has evolved from its roots as a largely ceremonial position. Today, the warden sits on most committees and is far more active in promoting and protecting the county's interests in negotiations with the province and other agencies. Two thousand dollars a year would barely cover the time a warden spends on the job, let alone compensate him or her from lost wages or income because of time spent

COUNTY COUNCIL BRIEFS

away from their other employment.

"The reality is we ask a person to be warden and then don't give them the resources," says Snowdon Reeve Ross Rigney. "Council feels strongly the increase is warranted and justified."

"It's very embarrassing when you go to wardens' get-togethers and (their stipends) range from \$30,000 to \$55,000," said Lutterworth Reeve Jim McMahon, a past warden. Fearrey smiled and replied that he had always been proud of the county's frugality.

Accountants

Dawson Gray Accountants of Haliburton has been re-instated as the county's auditor. Its bid was slightly lower than the competing firm's, Fearrey said, and since they employ people in the county, it was important to give them the opportunity to be the county's auditor.

Hyland Crest

When the county hired Extendicare Canada to manage Hyland Crest, it wanted access to the company's expertise and its economies of scale. That strategy appears to have paid off. Because of lower operating costs, the county will be able to reduce its contribution to the senior citizens home by \$91,000. The total property tax contribution will be less than \$400,000 under the proposed budget.

Meanwhile, the county formalized its intention to pass responsibility for Hyland Crest to Haliburton Highlands Health Services as part of the capital expansion project. Governance and ownership will be transferred once the Homes for the Aged Act is changed so that counties are no longer legally mandated to own such a home.

Family Services

The newly amalgamated organization is doing quite well, both financially and in the services it offers, reported Stanhope Reeve Eleanor Harrison. "The budget is in excellent condition" thanks to the savings from joining several services together. Out of these savings, Family Services is able to hire another worker, and when the job was advertised, there were 150 applicants. "We feel we are providing more services for less money," Harrison said.

Tree cutting

The county is working with logging and

forestry associations to draft a new tree-cutting by-law which will put more emphasis on enforcement. The present maximum fine is \$5,000 and when the markets are good, that's a small price to pay for a by-law infringement. As well, the county will likely increase the minimum diameter of a tree to be cut from 12" to 14".

Library

Susan Robinson, formerly of the Minden branch, was hired as the county's library clerk to replace Carol Madill, who recently retired.

Strategic planning

Committee chairperson Anthon suggested the county become part of the Healthy Communities Coalition, since most of the county's goals under its strategic plan are consistent with the coalition's. There's no cost to join and the county would become part of a networking community, learning from the experiences of others.

The attempt to form a "retired persons association" has been disappointing since many seniors seem happy with the groups they are already involved in, she said. "We don't want to manipulate a need for an association if it isn't there."

The economic development sub-committee's next meeting will focus on home-based businesses.

In marketing, they had an "extraordinary response" to the call for volunteer committee members, she reported. More than 20 people volunteered to sit on the new committee, through which the county's marketing dollars will flow. Fifteen were chosen – John Henderson, Michael Easton, Rod Thurston, Stuart Brandon, Diana Ferguson, Joanne Bishop, Larry McKnight, Ross Rigney, Jason Sipe, Bryan Kernohan, Shelley Schell, Bill Jordens, Murray Agnew, Marie Gage, Les Feero – and the others will sit on sub-committees. The new members have "very impressive credentials," Anthon said. "They're the type of people to come up with ideas and make them happen."

The county usually spends \$50,000 a year on marketing through a fee-for-service arrangement with the Chamber of Commerce. As this new marketing group gets established, the county will give it \$10,000 and the Chamber \$40,000 this year, with the intent to give the marketing committee all the money in the coming years. The committee may then decide to contract marketing services through the Chamber.

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High Single HC	Don Hicks	326
High Triple	Ken Thompson	694
High Triple HC	Chris Hill	690
WOMEN		
High Average	Spira Nitsos	206
High Single	Spira Nitsos	258
High Single	Spira Nitsos	274
High Triple	Spira Nitsos	698
High Triple HC	Spira Nitsos	746

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON For the Week Ending March 18/98

MEN		
High Average	Ken Thompson	226
High Single	Bob Bullen	279
High Single HC	Bob Bullen	308
High Triple	Bob Bullen	674
High Triple HC	Bob Bullen	761
WOMEN		
High Average	Marie Thompson	194
High Single	Jean Stead	250
High Single	Jean Stead	298
High Triple	Helen Dentinger	696
High Triple HC	Helen Dentinger	759

TUESDAY NIGHT MIXED For the Week Ending March 24/98

MEN		
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High Single HC	Dan Harding	306
High Triple	Bruce Cummings	768
High Triple HC	Bruce Martin	673
WOMEN		
High Average	Spira Nitsos	202
High Single	Marlene Robinson	221
High Single	Marlene Robinson	247
High Triple	Marlene Robinson	586
High Triple HC	Marlene Robinson	664

THURSDAY AFTERNOON For the Week Ending March 19/98

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High Average	Ken Thompson	225
High Single	Ken Thompson	280
High Single HC	Merv Bunker	306
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High Triple HC	Ken Thompson	776
WOMEN		
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High Single	Marie Thompson	257
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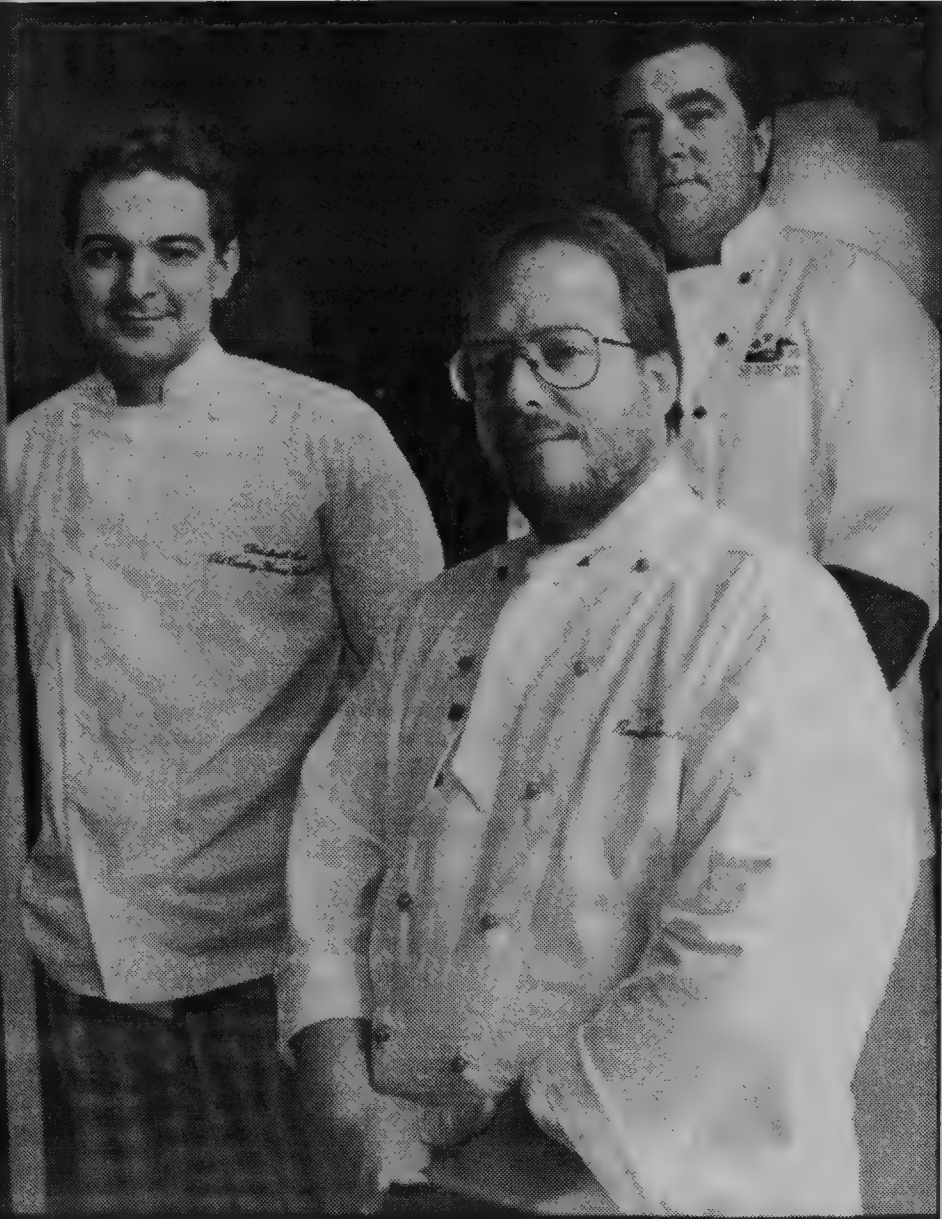
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Food for Thought:

■ *Chefs cook up dinner plan to make money for Women's Emergency House*

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Three local chefs hope to raise \$6,000 for the Women's Emergency House at the "Food for Thought" dinner on Sunday, May 3.

Using a proposed menu of asparagus and brie soup, polenta with marinated ratatouille, tournedos of beef tenderloin or steamed striped bass followed by a veritable buffet of desserts, the chefs want to tempt people to bring their appetites and their wallets to the second annual fundraising event.

The Women's Emergency House must raise financial commitments of \$100,000 by the end of this month if it is to keep its doors open in Haliburton. So far, it's raised \$21,000.

The chefs – Chris Baux of Sir Sam's, Chris Carl of Old Country House, and Ron Tenthoery of The Chocolate Moose – are donating their time, Sir Sam's Inn is donating its lakeside facilities and many suppliers are donating the food to help ensure that most of the \$50 ticket cost goes directly to WEH.

The dinner, which includes all you can eat desserts, will be followed by a silent auction, and organizer Sarah Bertelsen has lined up a compelling array of items: a VIP pass for two to a Blue Jays game, including meeting some of the players before the game; Raptors tickets; horseback riding; massage; weekend spa for women at Camp Wanakita; a day's kayaking; and having a

chef come to your house to cook dinner for six. Other prizes are being planned.

"Bring lots of money," smiles Chris Carl. There will be two sittings: one at 6 p.m. and one at 8 p.m.. It's hoped that as people enjoy the dessert buffet, or as they're waiting for their sitting, they'll also mingle at the silent auction, making their bids.

"It's going to be great," Bertelsen says. About 20% of the 80 tickets have already been sold and people are encouraged to buy theirs early by phoning Bertelsen at 754-1619. Wine is not included in the \$50 ticket.

Provincial grant helps area children's centre

The Five Counties Children's Centre has received a \$357,000 provincial grant to enhance speech and language services in Victoria, Haliburton, Northumberland and Peterborough Counties.

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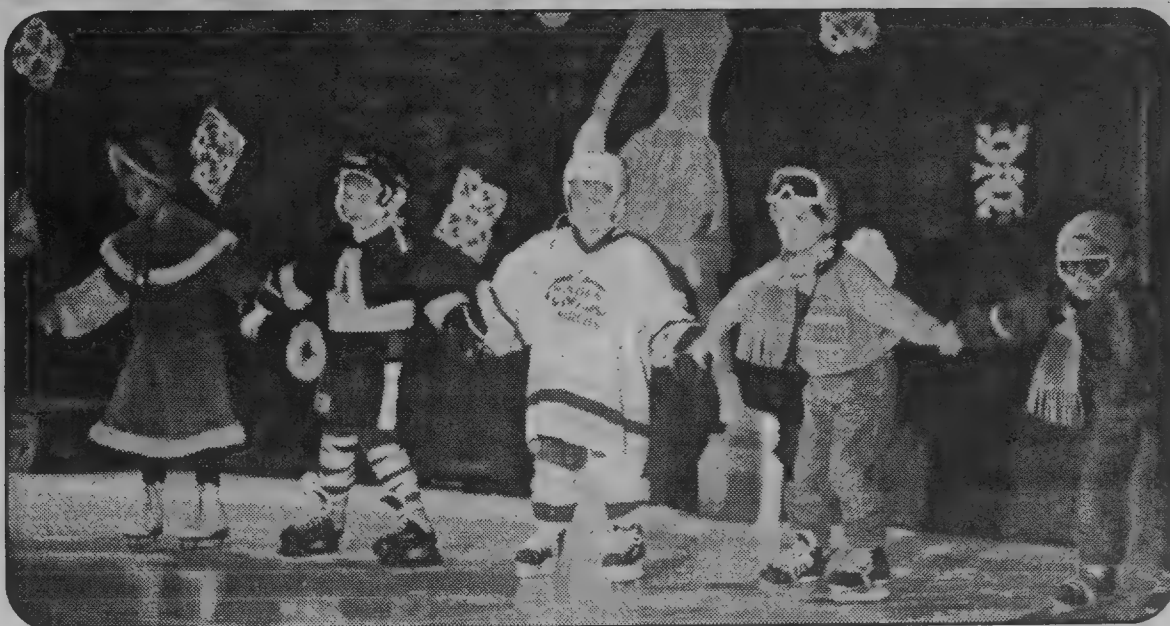
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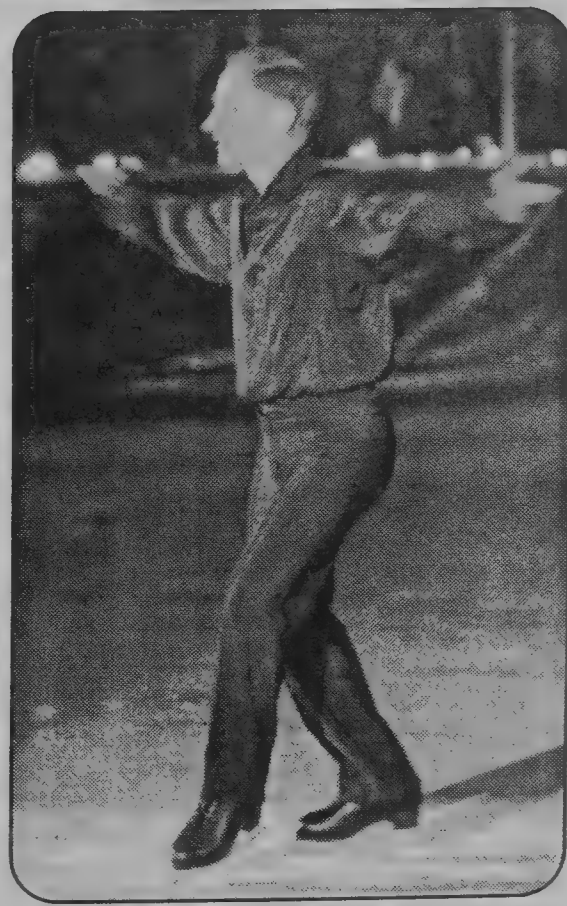


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Minden Olym "picks"



The Minden Figure Skating Club put on a spectacular carnival with exciting choreography on Sunday. Clockwise from top left: Jamaican bobsledders Haley Hawkins, Kristiana Walker, Kaitlin Allore, Chris Little and Nathan Greer; soloists Callie Cowan and Cindy Malloy; kimono-clad Katlyn Hewson; Courtney Griffin, Zachary Harrison, Brett Hicks, Alex Lopez and Joey Findies; former Olympian and World Champion Don Jackson; Kerri Matysek; and Erin Turner.



Opening doors around the world

Hospitality leads to enduring friendship

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

AS GERRY FELTHAM crossed India to check on the wells which were dug with the help of Help A Village Effort, there were many times when he needed a little help, too.

HAVE, a local grassroots organization devoted to supplying villagers in developing countries with a safe source of drinking water, might have paid for the wells, but the retired school teacher was paying for his trip on his own and he had to find as many ways as possible to keep his costs to a minimum.

Even if he could have afforded hotels or even hostels, however, he wouldn't have passed up the opportunity to stay in the homes of Indian families, who opened up their doors to him for only the price of a thank you. By staying in people's homes, he gained a deeper understanding of the people and the joys and challenges of living in such a vast sub-continent.

Two weeks ago, it was his pleasure to be able to return the favour by welcoming a former hostess into his home on Lake Kashagawigamog.

"It's fantastic," Rani Bhardwaj says during her one-week visit to the Highlands. Not only was it nice to see Mr. Feltham again, but she was like a child filled with the wonders of winter as she delighted in such things as walking on water (when it was frozen, of course.)

Bhardwaj is nearing the end of a one-year sabbatical at a small community for the mentally disabled in Copake, along the Hudson River in New York State. The self-sufficient village within a village is part of a larger organization called

Camphill, which also runs village near Barrie.

When she agreed to spend a year volunteering at Camphill, it was Bhardwaj's first time out of India and she decided to make the most of it. Copake might be several hours' drive from Haliburton, but it was likely the closest she'd ever get to visiting her old friend and it was too ideal of an opportunity to miss. So she wrote Feltham, who invited her to spend the week with him and his wife Yuvadee and their young son.

"Rani's home has been open to 20 to 30 nations. Truly her home is open to the world," says Feltham of his desire to return the many favours bestowed by Bhardwaj. "This lady is a person of service. No matter when I arrived or how I arrived, there was no question her home was my home. There was always space (for a traveller)."

Bhardwaj and her husband, "A.B.", are members of SERVAS, an organization founded in Denmark after World War II to allow people to travel the world and foster greater understanding by getting to know a country as it really is. Travellers can stay with a family to learn their customs, as well find an affordable alternative to hotels.

Carrying the registry of homes with him, Feltham travelled across India in 1981, when he first met the Bhardwajes. They soon became good friends. Highlanders may remember when A.B. came to Haliburton several years ago as part of the peace group called Ghandi in Action.

The Bhardwajes now live in Delhi, where Mrs. Bhardwaj is a teacher. She had had little experience with the mentally disabled until she started volunteering

with Camphill. (Her two children are presently at a Camphill village in Scotland.)

"I'm curious to know what's going on," she says of her decision to move to the Copake Camphill for a year. It was hard to leave

her family behind, but the year has been so busy and rewarding, she has few regrets.

"You touch (the villagers) with your heart. They have their own skills and you have to give them the opportunity to have their skills come out," she says. "When I'm staying with these people, I never feel they are mentally handicapped. They need love and affection so they can grow from inside... I

think I've gained something (during the year.)"

Meanwhile, here's an early reminder that HAVE's major fundraising effort, Walk For Water, is soon upon us. To attract more participants, a five-kilometre route and car wash are being added this June, as well as the traditional 16-k walk along Lake Kashagawigamog. Please watch *The Echo* for more details in coming weeks.



"Rani's home has been open to 20 to 30 nations. Truly her home is open to the world," Gerry Feltham, right, says of the hospitality of Rani Bhardwaj, left. He was glad to be able to return the favour

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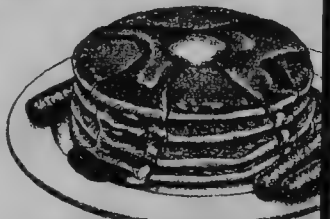
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Public urges province not to sell Crown land

by Carolynn Coburn
Guest Columnist

LANDS FOR LIFE is an initiative of the provincial government to determine the future of Crown land in Ontario. The Round Table meetings have been focusing on what uses should be permitted in various areas. They have not been focusing on whether any Crown land should be sold, although that is what people at the meetings want to talk about. And what people are saying is, "Don't sell any of it!"

It is interesting that the public's attention has been drawn to debating what designation will be put on particular parts of the map. This is all beside the point if at the end of the exercise, the government then decides it will sell off parts that didn't attract too much attention.

A number of citizens from Haliburton County attended a recent Lands for Life meeting at in Bancroft. There were two sessions on Wednesday, with more than 100 in attendance at each of them.

Bob Gray, the Lands for Life chairman, said the commission has heard that the public wants them to plan for the long term - to act in the interests of grandchildren and our grandchildren's grandchildren - or, as the Anishnabe would say, "for the Seventh Generation". They have heard how passionate people are about Crown land - we want it to stay in the hands of the Crown and we want it to be accessible to everyone. They realize that at the same time, we want the rural parts of Ontario to be inhabited, and that means that it has to be possible to make a living from the land.

Mr. Gray also said, "The Round Table has been impressed by the need to protect important parts of our natural heritage. This large area of undeveloped, natural environment is one of the most prized pieces of land on the whole planet, and we must not degrade it."

I was somewhat heartened to hear this. It appears that the members of the Round Table understand that such an area could not be recreated once lost. But I still am wary. If it is such prized land, would there not be a temptation by a government bent on balancing budgets to sell off parts of such a prize to private interests that would

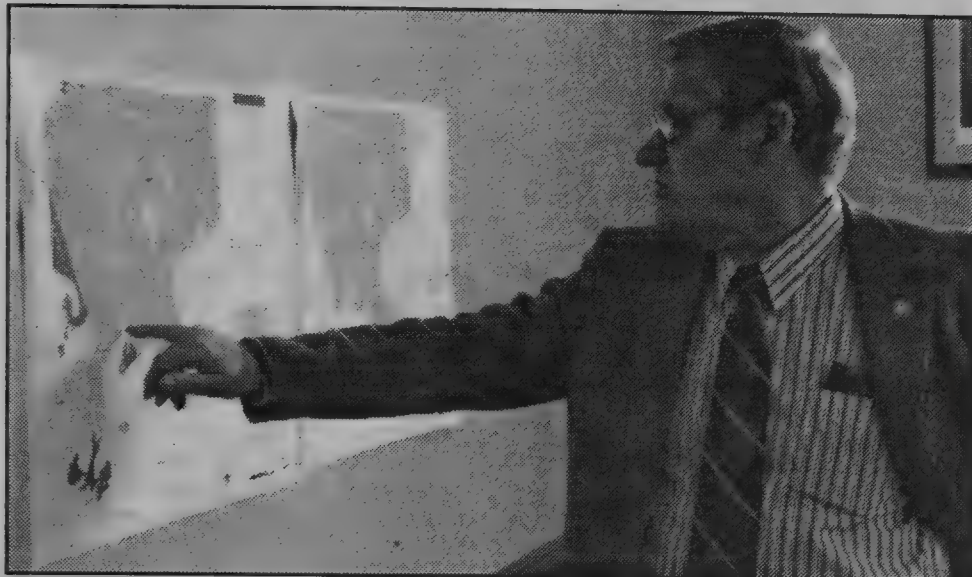
love to have some for their very own? And who would be willing to pay princely sums?

We were directed to break into seven smaller groups where we spent a couple of hours considering one or two of the four scenarios that have been developed since the first round of public meetings. These scenarios were presented as maps which indicate what parts of the publicly owned lands could be left available for resource extraction (mining and lumbering) and what parts might be protected from resource extraction. Of course, it isn't quite that simple, because there are sub-categories of protection, so it becomes all very confusing. We were asked, "What do you like most about Scenario X? What do you like least about Scenario X? How would Scenario X affect you and your family? How would you improve Scenario X?"

They just did not seem to be the right questions, and I'm afraid my group had difficulty focusing on them. We wanted to know things such as why clearcutting is still being practised in Northern Ontario. We wanted to know whether the public had a right to use a snowmobile trail (strictly speaking, it does not, because the snowmobile clubs have been given use permits, and the trails become theirs and theirs alone to use). We wanted to know how we could prevent big corporations from using enormous skidders that play havoc with township roads, and then trucking the logs out, contributing virtually nothing to local economies. We were concerned about the really long leases that are being given to companies under the Crown Forest Sustainability Act.

There is a lot of supporting material that has been produced to assist the Round Table and the public in understanding what is at stake, and what is being proposed. One of them, Lands for Life: Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Planning Area Overview makes passing reference to selling Crown land.

On page 41, in a chapter entitled, Crown Land Management, it states: "The ministry is launching the Strategic Lands Initiative (SLI) to re-engineer and refocus the Crown land disposition program [that's sale, lease or grant] to ensure that it fits the ministry's mission of ecological sustainability and



LANDS FOR LIFE CONCERNS: At a recent county council meeting, Sherborne et al Reeve Don Shortreed pointed out the areas in northern Haliburton County which may be turned into heritage parks as part of Lands for Life. Instead of fearing the process, Minden lawyer Carolynn Coburn says people should get involved with the issues.

carries out this core business function in the most efficient and effective manner." On the same page, "Crown land management also involves the judicious disposition of rights to some lands for development which provides additional public benefits including, revenue to the provincial treasury."

I've decided I want to find out more about this initiative. I asked at the meeting, and was told, "The Ministry's always been in the business of selling Crown lands." That didn't make me feel better.

In financial terms (and these are the terms that seem to carry the most weight these days) the Crown lands should be thought of as our commonly held capital. Every prudent economist knows that you

don't spend your capital, you live off the interest. So you don't sell your Crown land. Ever. Once it's gone, we'll never get it back.

So if you, dear Reader, care about this issue, write to Lands for Life and say so. They may be weighing the mail, so volume counts. If nobody tells them otherwise, our government may think the odd sale of some remote lake and a few hundred acres around it is of no concern to anyone.

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Dysart sets parking limit at municipal lot to free up spaces for shoppers

Dysart council has set a time limit for parking in one of its municipal lots to free up spaces for shoppers.

Drivers can now park for a maximum of two hours in the lot across from Village Court Plaza, running along the north side of Victoria Street, from Maple Ave. to the entrance for Park Lane Apartments.

Some drivers were surprised by the change March 25 — the day the parking limit signs went up — when they found tickets on their windshields.

The municipality says it will waive fines given out on the first day the parking limit took effect.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said council decided to bring in the parking limit because some drivers were using the lot to park for the full day, rather than for short stops while going to nearby businesses.

The amount of activity in the area has gone up recently, increasing the demand for parking space.

But there is certainly no shortage of free spaces for people to park their cars throughout the day. There are two municipal lots within half a block of the corner and another large lot a block away at Rotary Beach.



CELEBRATION '98: On Saturday, the Rails' End Gallery opened its annual exhibit of its members' finest works. It also announced the winners of its scholarships and awards. From left are: Graham Wales, Pat Irwin Memorial Award for Excellence in Pottery for "Small Platter"; Carole Bullen, Best New Artist in Textiles for "Flower Bower"; Archie Briggs, Excellence in Framed Work for "October in Glamorgan"; Melba Girard, Award of Merit for "Ink and Pencil 1997-014"; Stephen Wiggin, Ethel Curry Award in Memory of Pat Irwin for "Dream or Reality"; Nancy Kursbatt, Excellence in Painting for "Physic Painting"; and Thom Lambert, Best New Potter for "Smoke Fired Vase #4". Our thanks to Warren Riley for the photo.

Sir Sandford Fleming College tuition increases by 10 percent

Sir Sandford Fleming College will increase tuition fees by 10 per cent or \$140 for the 1998/99 academic year. The decision came at last Wednesday's board of governors meeting.

"We believe that this is necessary, that the college system is underfunded, and that if we are to maintain enrolment and quality programs, this increase is essential," said Barb Cameron, executive director of finance.

"While we haven't received our specific grant information, government grants for the college system are flatlined. There are significant cost pressures on the col-

lege including the cost of collective agreements, putting the learning resource centre into full operation, as well as addressing deferred maintenance and program development costs," she said.

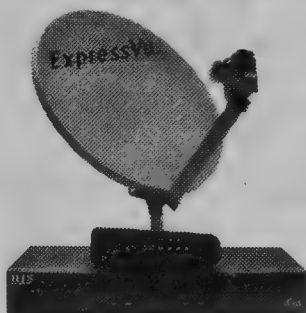
The increase translates into \$950,000 of which \$285,000 is to be set aside for student assistance according to government regulations leaving the college with \$660,000. The college's total budget is about \$49-million.

Tuition fees at the college are currently \$1,403 and in 1998-99 will move to \$1,543.

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April 8 - HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS GENEALOGY GROUP 7 p.m. at the Minden Library, presents David Lorente speaking on Home Children of Canada. Local home children speaking also. Everyone welcome. Call Carol Miles 489-1752 for more information.

April 9 AQUASIZE 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. You must register with Home Support in order to participate. Call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

April 10 GOOD FRIDAY RALLY, Faith Tabernacle in Cobocok. Services begin at 2:00 and 7:00pm with supper served at 5:00

April 8 & 10 - The combined choirs of Haliburton United and Zion United invite you to hear "OLIVET TO CALVARY", a sacred cantata recalling the last days of Jesus's life on earth. April 8, 7:30 p.m., Ingoldsby United; April 10, 9 a.m. Zion United in Camarvon and 11:15 a.m., Haliburton United.

April 10, Good Friday - Haliburton Ministerial invites you to participate in the "CROSS WALK" at 1:30 p.m., starting at the high school. Rally after at St. George's Anglican Church. Join the community of believers for a short service.

April 11 MAPLEFEST ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BRUNCH & BAKE SALE. Lochlin United Church. 10am - 2pm Adults \$5, Children \$2. Church Rd, Lochlin

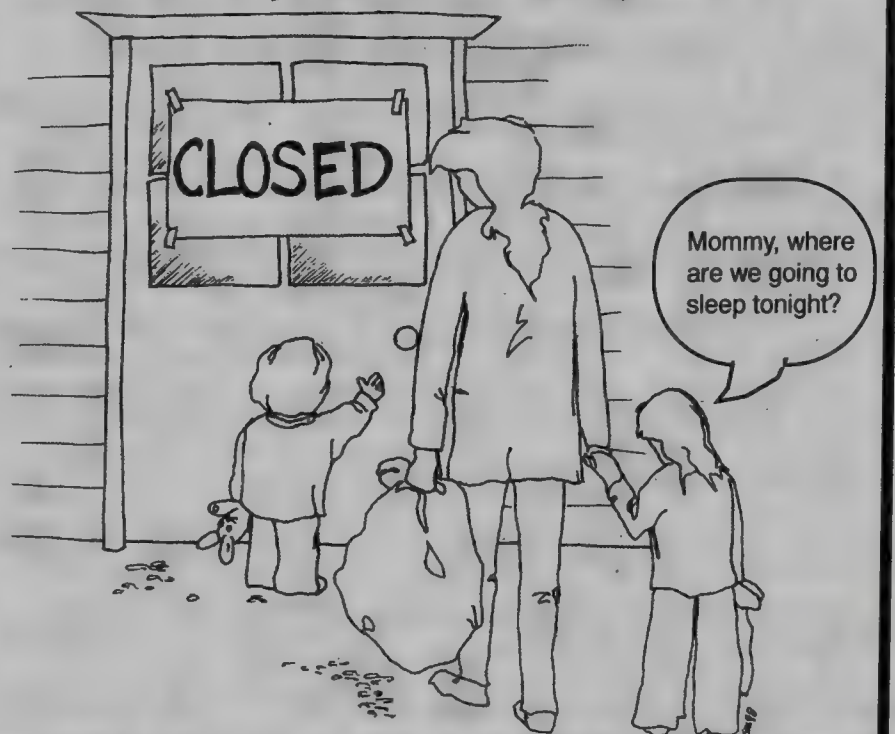
April 18 - The Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts **BIG BAND DANCE** at Haliburton Legion, with Don Wright's Candlelight Big Band. Tickets \$15 at Rails' End Gallery or Minden IDA or call 457-2330.

April 20 - Haliburton United Church Women are hosting an **ENVIRONMENTAL FASHION SHOW** at Haliburton United Church, 7:30 p.m..

May 7, 8, 9, 10 - Haliburton Highlands Little Theatre presents **NIGHT WATCH** at HHSS.

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Seniors enjoy book talk over breakfast

What a difference a week makes. The snow is almost gone (touch wood), robins are back, mud everywhere. We are certainly awaiting the day we can go outside and enjoy the warm weather once more.

However, our days pass by with the help of our activity staff and volunteers. For instance, on Friday morning, March 27, a few of us attended a breakfast book club hosted by Linda and volunteer Pam. We're pleased to hear that this activity will take place once a month. In the afternoon our Happy Hour took place with the music of The Grandfathers.

Over the weekend, Winnie Barnum, along with Janet, visited Rob Young at the Haliburton Hospital. Winnie also managed some visits with different family members thanks to her niece from Peterborough who chauffeured her around. Most of us spent a fairly quiet Saturday and Sunday here.

At our residents council meeting on March 30, Kim Hicks, our dietitian, was invited to discuss our meals. Also, Peter Fearray reviewed laundry concerns with us. Our April activities were planned and then we held a big discussion regarding our fund raising event, "Country Music Jamboree", coming up at the end of May – what preparations are being made and progress taken place so far. All in all, a long meeting but a good one.

That evening, we were wonderfully entertained by the Scottish Dancers in the auditorium. We were very pleased to have them here and thoroughly enjoyed their presentation. Really toe-tapping. Our thanks to them, especially when you consider the stormy weather they travelled

SENIOR LEAGUE

Hyland Crest News

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through to be with us.

We are pleased to report that Rob is back with us again. His smile was missed.

Chapel on Tuesday was with Fred Leonard and we appreciated him filling in for Louise who was unable to attend. Also on Tuesday,

Silvert's Clothing was here which enabled some of us to see what was available.

We extend our sympathy to Linda on the loss of a very close family member, Bill English.

"In Harmony" entertained us on Wednesday evening. We would like to thank them for their very enjoyable music.

Thursday's tea party was hosted by Lakeside Baptist are scheduled. Our thanks to them.

Our belated birthday wishes to our neighbour, Tom Cox, who, as you are all aware, celebrated his 98th birthday on April 1. We understand from Alice Todd that Tom had lots of visitors stop by, including Alice.

The tuck cart is making the rounds again thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary.

Before we go, we would like to thank our newest volunteer, Roger Scheffee, who drove the bus for us last week when we visited the Brady Lake area to see the deer. We appreciated his time with us.

An important announcement – the Ladies Auxiliary is selling tickets on a gourmet basket. The draw will take place at our fundraising event "Country Music Jamboree" on May 30. If anyone would like to donate any items for the basket, they can be dropped off at the office here.

Bye now. Keep smiling! Hope everyone enjoys their Easter weekend.

Dorset hopes to make village bloom in beautification contest

by PHYLLIS BRISCOE
Dorset News

We wish a Happy Birthday to Bev Robinson, Katherine Johnson, Sherri Keown, Robbie Drebbitt, Perry Catlin and Melanie Rose Grouds. If the Blue Goose is still around, he has a birthday on April 11th. Best wishes to all.

The snow is practically all gone, the robins are here in great numbers, the spring flowers are sending their green shoots up through the ground and it is daylight savings time. It must be spring and we say "Hurrah."

Dorset has been entered into the "Communities-in-Bloom" Ontario program. new projects have been planned to complement efforts of the last two years by the Community Improvement Group. Communities-in-Bloom is just an extension of the community commitment to beautify the Hamlet of Dorset. Private individuals may enter their gardens or one they are making this year.

Judging is based on many aspects- neatness, environmental effort, heritage, landscape, floral arrangement, tidiness, effort, turf, ect. Dorset will benefit with provincial and national visibility through the Communities-in-Bloom's marketing and media. A meeting will be held at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Thursday April 30, at 7 p.m.

The Seniors' Friendship Luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 9 at noon at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Please call 766-9647 if you are interested in attending.

Weight Watchers Registration meeting is on Monday, April 20 at 5:30 p.m. Registration is required on this evening if you wish to join.

Community Kitchen: If you are interested in cooking in bulk, join us. We meet at 10:00 a.m. on April 14, and will cook on April 24 at 10:00 a.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre.

The Snowbirds are flocking back to their home nests, having missed a very comfortable winter here in Dorset. Janeen Byman has returned to her home at Paint Lake, having spent most of the winter in the sunny south. Norm McGuire is back, after spending the winter months in St. Petersburg. Weldon Tracey has returned from spending an extended holiday in South Carolina and Arnold and Shirley Brown are back on Kawagama Lake after living it up in Central Florida for the winter months. We missed them all and are happy to have them home safe and sound.

The Thank-You party held last week at the Dorset Rec. Centre for all who participated in the planning, preparation before hand and worked diligently during the Dorset Snowball winter Carnival was a very festive and joyous affair. There was a good attendance and everyone felt gratified that they had taken part in making the annual event the great success that it was. There was an abundance of delicious food and sociability which resulted in a very enjoyable evening.

There are large numbers of ducks paddling around in the open water, also some loons. A beautiful wood duck was spotted near Lumina Lodge. They have such gorgeous colouring but I don't know whether they are very plentiful or not.

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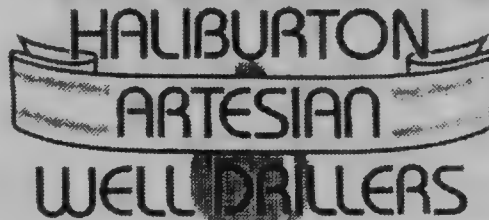
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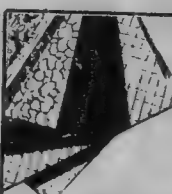
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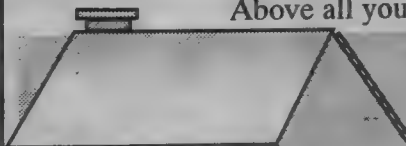
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Celebration marks a long, busy life

CARNARVON

News

Yvonne Penney

A very popular lady in this area has reached another milestone: Doris Redner has reached her 80th year. Her family hosted a birthday party for her at the Stanhope Firefighter's Hall and I was one of the crowd of well wishers who attended this occasion. Best wishes to this sprightly, active lady. Jaimie Bacon was the D.J. and his music had many people on the dance floor.

Has spring really arrived? The rain lately has certainly taken a lot of the snow away. Some old-timers say we will get another blast of winter but I, for one, hope they are wrong. I have seen many spring birds at our feeder so I'm convinced that spring is here!

Garth and Helen Windsor

spent a weekend in Windsor recently visiting their daughter and family. Garth told me that spring has arrived there.

Anne MacKay, who used to write the news from Carnarvon, has had a nasty fall down some stairs where she lives in Haliburton. She has a broken collar bone and many bruises but was still cheerful when I spoke to her. Your many friends here have you in their prayers, Anne, and we wish you a speedy recovery.

Grace Cowan is back in Ross Memorial in Lindsay. Our best wishes are extended to Grace and hope she will soon be back here.

The United Choirs of Zion and Haliburton are singing our Easter Cantata in Ingoldsby on April 8 at 7:30 p.m. and on Good Friday at 9:00 a.m. in Carnarvon and 11:15 a.m. in Haliburton under the leadership of Melissa Stephens.

Supporting good causes:



Legion Branch 129 donates to cancer campaign, theatre construction

Much of the money raised by Branch 129 Haliburton of the Royal Canadian Legion is donated back to the community and last week, Comrade Vic Ibbotson had the honour to present two cheques to two worthy organizations. Phyllis Woodcock, chairperson of the local fundraising campaign for the Canadian Cancer Society, was given a cheque for \$1,700 as the fulfillment of the Legion's pledge to match the money raised at the recent Jack Bassett Memorial Bonspiel (organized by Legion President Ed Pickard and catered by Billy Pickard.) Bassett was a loyal member of the Legion who died of cancer. A few minutes later, Ibbotson was presenting a cheque for \$5,000 to Dave Gray, a member of the Haliburton Highlands Performing Arts Centre's fundraising committee. By making the pledge, the Legion becomes another corporate sponsor of a seat at the proposed new theatre at the high school.



Easter Sunday

by EV STATA

Easter Sunday, what a glorious day,
The day salvation came our way!

When I was just a little girl, my neighbours to impress
For Easter Sunday School I wanted a new dress.
But money was scarce and Dad couldn't get to town
So I had to make do with sister's hand-me-down.

Then I grew up and wed the best man in town
I needed a new hat to wear with my gown
But money was still short and hubby said "Dear,
We just can't afford a new hat this year."

But now I'm a senior and clothes don't mean a thing
On Easter Sunday, I worship the King!
For God's salvation to us is free
And I am clothed in humility.

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Pancake breakfast an Easter tradition

Lloyd Watson centre the venue for good food and fun

The Easter musical "Written in Red" was joyously presented at St. Margaret's Anglican Church on Thursday, April 1 in the evening. Under the leadership of Bill Gliddon at the organ, the choir of St. George's, Haliburton and friends sang this cantata of "Love's Greatest Story" with love and tenderness. This evening of music and the time of fellowship that followed send us into Holy Week with solemn yet joyful thoughts.

Good Friday services at 10 a.m. at St. Margaret's is for everyone.

On the more worldly side, we look forward to the Maple Syrup Festival, i.e. Pancake Breakfast, on Easter Saturday at the Lloyd Watson Centre. There'll be lots of pancakes and sausages, crafts, a bake sale and tickets for several draws and events. It starts at 9 a.m. Rumour has it that the Easter Bunny will be making appearances during the day.

Rehearsals for the Loop Troupe's upcoming play "Gone To Glory" are going well. As show times on May 1 and 2 fast

WILBERFORCE

News

Hilda Clark

approach, the production crew is hard at work on set, props, costumes, sound and light. This is a challenging play that deals with poverty, has a cast of characters diverse in age, means and temperament. It's a play that brings smiles, outright laughter and

Rehearsals for the Loop Troupe's upcoming play "Gone To Glory" are going well.

even a tear.

Skipping ropes are out of storage at the Wilberforce School. The children are not only having fun with them at recess times but preparing for participation in the Jump Rope for Heart Program

on April 30. A fine aerobic activity, this sipping (rope jumping) program raises money for the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

Amy Traviss was chosen Student of the Week in Kindergarten, Kristyn Hutt in Grade 1, Skylar Lewis in Grade 2, Kristy Smith in Grades 3/4 and Erin Deschamps in Grades 5/6.

Last week's students were Alex Wingrove in Kindergarten, Colin Hutchinson in Grade 1, Lana Cole in Grade 2, Philip Austin in Grades 3/4 and Shawn Faraday in Grades 5/6.

The school's fundraising sale of muffin/cookie mix and chocolate bunnies was successful. The support received was much appreciated.

Evelyn Johnston and Bonnie Roberts were pleased to be part of the celebration of Greta Curry's 94th birthday party at the Haliburton Legion on Saturday. Greta is Evelyn Johnston's sister-in-law and Bonnie's aunt. Best wishes for good health and happiness, Greta.

Rug Hookers offer welcome

Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers meet twice a month at the Centre. The next meeting will be on April 20 at 10:30 a.m. Petty Beattie at 754-2673 invites anyone interested in learning the craft to join at any time.

Mae Bradbury at 286-3294 will be supplying materials and leading a workshop in Minden at the Pritchard House (Home of the Weavers and Spinners) on April 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. People come from all over the county: Miner's Bay, Kenissis, Wilberforce, to name a few.

A demonstration of rug hooking will be going on at Rails' End Gallery on Maplefest weekend, Saturday but not on Easter Sunday, where you may observe or try your hand. The workshop in Minden will be in traditional work and you will be able to complete a coaster or trivet in the day.

We are sorry to have to report on the death of Carol Stamp's step-father, Gordon Mitchell. Also, Yvonne Johnson's father died on March 11, 1998 in London and our sympathy goes out to both of these families.

If it makes a difference to you - the last word in the first line of the poem quoted last week is 'moor'.

About 20 people attended LIFT at the local Baptist church on Thursday evening. Nancy Turley was guest speaker and musician. Helen Newton demonstrated scarf tying with her own designs of coloured earrings and matching scarves. It really delighted the women who gathered to enjoy the evening.

Congratulations to Amanda Sisson who graduated in Cobourg in a class of 26 from the Personal Support Worker course, a branch of the present nursing system. Amanda's parents, Shane and Linda, her grandmother Erma Sisson, her brother Ryan and sister Kristen were proud supporters at the graduation along with Larry Morrison and Nancy Robinson. President of Sir Sandford Fleming College, Dr. Brian Desbiens, presented the diploma. Amanda will be working at a seniors residence, the Golden Plough, in Cobourg.

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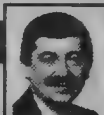


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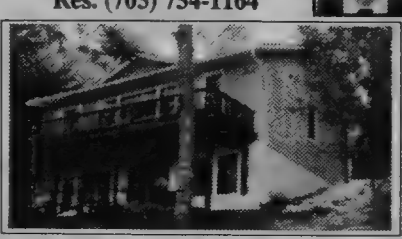


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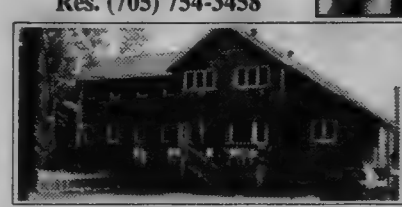
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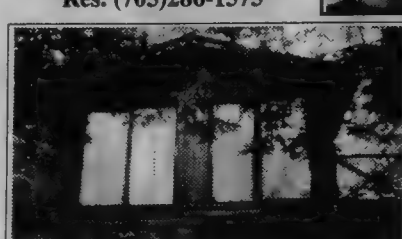
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While people tasted the wines from the Ocala winery, Tom Regina on flute and his wife Lauren McInnes on piano provided the right mood. The combined wine and cheese tasting and loonie auction was a new fundraising venture for the Guild.

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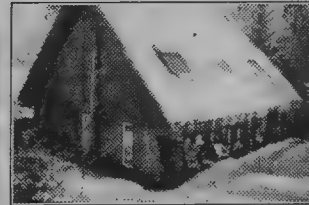
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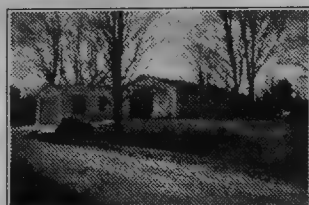
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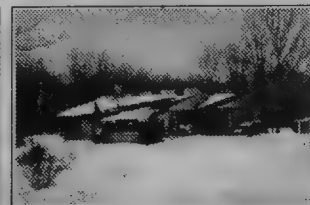
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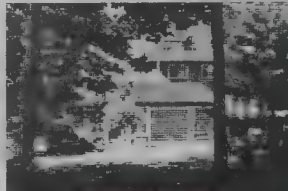
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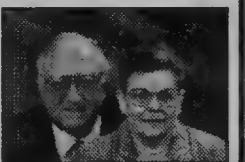
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Recreation projects can get cash help under new 'local heroes' promotion

In times past, the word "hero" was often associated with superhuman strength, x-ray vision and men in caps. But now, for many Canadians, all it takes is a pair of jeans, some volunteer spirit, a toolbelt and a little help from the newly created Molson Breweries Local Heroes program.

Molson Breweries will provide top up funds to assist local heroes who want to improve existing recreation or fitness facilities in their communities, large and small, across Ontario. It will fund a portion of the hard costs associated with each project, while the Local Heroes are responsible for supplying materials and people power. The program is designed to respond to these individuals' need for a bit of a helping hand to make their projects happen. "The people we spoke with said that even \$50 to cut some brush out of a hiking trail or a couple of hundred dollars for some night lighting at their softball diamond would enable them to make their project happen," says a company spokesperson. "So what we heard, in a nutshell, is that Canadians wanted a bit of help so that they can leave their mark in their communities."

All Molson Breweries' Local Heroes projects will be funded on a one-time basis and applications must be submitted by individuals. Applicants must co-ordinate all aspects of their specific projects on a volunteer basis and participants must be of legal drinking age.

An application form is available by calling 1-800-MOLSON1. There are two application deadlines: May 8 for spring/summer projects and July 1, or summer/fall projects. Awards will be announced May 15 and July 15.

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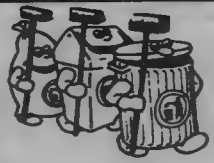
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Maple trees inspire art workshop

by JESSICA SCHEFFEE
Student Reporter

Are you interested in art? The Art of Maple, featuring Minden artist, Susan Lowery, will be held during Mapfest '98 at the Leslie M Frost Natural Resources Centre south of Dorset.

This is a two-hour art workshop that will focus on the natural form and beauty of the maple tree.

"We'll create beautiful designs from the veins and edges of the maple leaf," said Susan Lowery. "By rubbing leaves on paper."

Sculpting maple trees with silver wire using stones and minerals is also an option. Lowery will also be showing participants how to make a mobile maple leaf to hang in the home.

The workshop is on Saturday, April 11 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person.

To reserve a place, at the workshop, call the Frost Centre at (705) 766-2451 before April 10.

Lowery teaches art out of her home in Minden. She also works part-time at the Ethel Curry Gallery in Haliburton and teaches art at the Pritchard House in Minden.

Every Tuesday night at the Frost Centre, she instructs a Lapidary class. Using natural minerals, the class cuts, grinds and shapes the minerals into jewelry, pins and whatever else they feel like making. "It's quite a creative class," said Lowery.

Youth group wins with this draw winner:



GOING 50/50 ON THE 50/50: When Bob Parks heard he had won the 50/50 draw to raise money for the Protocol youth club in Minden, he decided to donate half of the winnings back to the club. Then, when he went to pick up his money, he was told the club wanted to use the money to buy a used stereo system so it could host dances — and Parks said he'd give them a pair of speakers he didn't use any more. That's why all three people in this picture are smiling: Bob Parks in the middle with his winnings, flanked by co-managers Andrew Wilbee and Blair Williams. The draw raised \$1,071 for Protocol, which is always in need of donated items and more volunteers.

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Seniors swing at Big Band dance

Local residents "over sixty" have something very special coming up on Saturday, April 18. That's when the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine

Arts presents a Big Band dance at the Haliburton Legion.

Now that we've all survived the winter, it's time to swing into spring! And what better way than to dance to a genuine "swing" band? Even the under-sixty "youngsters" will love it. Deejays are fine but for those of us who remember the Tommy Dorsey/Glenn Miller era, nothing beats a real band, especially one that plays jitterbug music as well as our all-time favorite swing tunes.

Many of you may recall the Big Band music at

Midnight Madness last summer when Don Wright's swing band performed in front of Curry Motors. Most of us could hardly keep our feet still!

Reliving your carefree youth is certainly fun, even if you have vivid wartime memories... and so the Guild expects a big turnout of men and women who used to jive and twirl and "dip" on dance floors everywhere! Arthritic knees and stiff joints may restrict a few oldsters from really showing their dancing ability but this music is just as great for listening and reminiscing.

This Swing Into Spring dance is a fundraiser for the Guild. Tickets are \$15, available from the Rails' End Gallery, the IDA in Minden, or by calling 457-2330. Added features will be a light lunch, a bar, spot dances and a silent auction.

Don Wright's Candlelight Big Band will be on stage from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 18. And while nostalgia trips are appealing, this dance will be equally attractive to anyone who loves to dance... young or old, or in-between.



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General Election of 1997

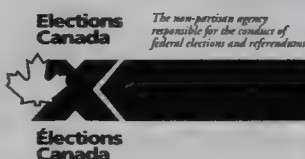
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*Permitted Limit of Election Expenses for Victoria-Haliburton: \$68,608.35

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COMPUTER SOLUTIONS - new Pentium 166MMX, fully loaded, \$1,350 including delivery and set up. 200MMX \$1,500, 233MMX \$1,950. Other systems available. Ask us about our Internet package. R&D Computers (705) 457-3698, Computer Brokers.

605 ANTIQUES

CASH paid for antique china, glass, furniture, phonographs, sewing machines, radios, old sporting items and other interesting collectibles. Individual items or sets. (705) 754-1915 or (705) 457-6695.

WANTED - old furniture, china, glass, toys and jewellery. Call Paulette (705) 457-4534 or (705) 754-3883. CA

607 EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY

LINDSAY USED TRACTOR PARTS LTD. Cash for used farm tractors and dozers, regardless of condition. Box 803, Lindsay, 5 miles south of Hwy. 7 on Hwy. 35 (705) 324-8331. CA

609 APPLIANCES

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611 GARAGE SALES

YARD SALE
Saturday, April 11
from 9 a.m. until sold out!
South Lake Road, Minden
5 km. from Hwy. 35 at Tischler
Woodworking
Jet ski, chainsaws, woodstove, tires, 4x6 whirlpool tub (new in box), 5' tub, 8' box liner, garden stuff, maple desks, vanities, kid's bed and desk combo.

201 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT - \$485/month includes utilities, 8 min. from Haliburton, walking distance of store, laundromat, restaurant. Very private! Non-smokers. Available immediately. (705) 754-2731.

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202 HOUSES FOR RENT

EAGLE LAKE HOME - modern three bedroom at ski hill. Full basement, oil heat, \$650 per month plus utilities. Derrell Stamp, Broker, Century 21 Granite Group (705) 457-2128. CA

202 HOUSES FOR RENT

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205 COMMERCIAL SPACE

1400 SQ. FT. - commercial space in Halco Plaza, upper level. Call (705) 457-3166. CA

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COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR LEASE - Hwy. #118, Haliburton (beside Elstone Motors). Approx. 3,600 sq. ft. Suitable for 1-3 stores. Ample parking. (705) 457-9209. CA

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PROFESSIONAL OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT - in Haliburton Medical Building above Rexall Pharmacy. 1,000 sq. ft., elevator, parking. Call (705) 457-2692. CA

SPACE AVAILABLE IN VILLAGE BARN - street level, all inclusive. Good lease, immediate possession. Call vanLieshout Realty Ltd., ask for Lawrence at (705) 457-2414 or evenings (705) 754-2071. CA

UNITS AVAILABLE - in Stedmans Mall. For office or retail, up to 1000 sq. ft. Separate hydro, washrooms, air conditioning. Best deal in town! Phone Vince (705) 457-2509. CA

206 SHARED ACCOMMODATION

ROOM FOR RENT - West of Haliburton. Kitchen, TV. \$250 monthly. Call (705) 457-1856. CA

207 WANTED TO RENT

HOUSE OR CABINS REQUIRED
furnished or unfurnished
to accommodate 12 people within 15 min. of Minden, June 24 to Aug. 30.
Need not be on a lake.
Call (705) 728-0916
(Barrie).

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207 WANTED TO RENT

PROFESSIONAL SINGLE MALE - requires one or two bedroom house or cottage within close proximity to Haliburton village for months of July/Aug./Sept. preferably or Aug./Sept. Call Cheryl at (705) 457-1212. CA

301 BUSINESSES FOR SALE

EQUIPMENT RENTAL STORE in Minden, Ontario. Fantastic opportunity for the right person. Call John Graham (705) 286-6097 days, (705) 286-1757 evenings.

THE LOFT ARTS & CRAFTS STORE - in the Village Barn, Haliburton. Fully equipped, ready to operate. Stock at invoice cost. Good lease, must sell. Call vanLieshout Realty Ltd. Ask for Lawrence. (705) 457-2414 or evenings (705) 754-2071. CA

402 USED VEHICLES FOR SALE

1984 PONTIAC 6000 - great 2nd car. Best offer. Also 60 gallon electric hot water tank, numerous electric baseboard heaters. Call (705) 457-3414. CA

1985 CHRYSLER LEBARON CONVERTIBLE - Low kms, mint condition. Power roof, windows, air and power leather seats. No winters. All power. \$2,250 certified o.b.o. Call (705) 457-2513.

406 VEHICLES WANTED

WANTED - 1991 Chev Cavalier or thereabouts. Good condition. Call John (705) 457-4555 work or (705) 489-4513 home. CA

505 GENERAL HELP WANTED

CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY requires

Experienced Homemakers

If you:

- reside within Haliburton County
- possess an HSII, HSIII, HCA, or PSW certificate or equivalent
- have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation
- are flexible to work a variety of hours including evenings and weekends on a rotational basis

Resumes may be sent to or applications may be picked up at our office, 37 Cambridge St. N., Lindsay, Ontario K9V 4C6 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information call (705) 324-8911.

Only those applicants considered for an interview will be contacted. We are an equal opportunity employer. CA

COOK/WAITRESS - full part-time at Georgina's Kountry Kitchen, Irondale. Phone (705) 488-2657 any time or (705) 488-3204 after April 8.

FOOD SERVICES - Are you a reliable, hard-working, adaptable individual who has experience in large-quantity food production? YMCA Wanakita needs versatile individuals to work in dishwashing, food preparation and cooking. Send your resume with references to YMCA Wanakita, R.R. #2, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0. Attention Alison. CA

505 GENERAL HELP WANTED

THE CHIMO PINESTONE GOLF AND CONFERENCE RESORT

has an immediate opening for a **Restaurant Manager**. Dynamic, result oriented individual to handle the day-to-day managerial activities in all three food and beverage outlets in a high paced environment. Minimum five years managerial experience, strong planning and organizational skills, labour scheduling, excellent inter-personal skills. Must have a proven track record of efficiency and productivity. Proven team builder. Please mail or fax your resume to: Nancy Hussey, P.O. Box 809, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0. Fax (705) 457-9755. CA

TOUR DE FORCE WANTS YOU!

Local production company staging a music and comedy revue this summer seeks talented performing artists. If you are a musician, comedian, comedy writer or performer with an interesting act, please call (705) 754-1873 or (705) 489-1413.

507 SKILLED/TECHNICAL HELP

BACKHOE OPERATOR WITH AZ LICENCE

Required by Shepherd Septic Service, full-time/seasonal (May - Dec.). Qualifications: 5 years experience, good knowledge of septic systems, excellent communication skills, self-motivated, experience operating skidsteer loader would be an asset. Qualified individuals may apply by resume to: P.O. Box 68, Cobocok, Ontario or fax to (705) 454-8700. No telephone calls please.

MOTIVATED PERSON NEEDED

- for full-time secretary/receptionist position at extremely busy office. Very good computer knowledge (Windows 95) or medical secretary diploma is required. Drop off resumes in person at Dr. Benoit's office in Haliburton. CA

508 CAREERS

RN's & RPN's NEEDED

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508 CAREERS

Administrative Assistant (Half Time, Contract Position)

The Community Health Services Foundation is a charitable corporation whose purpose is to raise money to purchase major medical equipment which will be shared by the five counties of Haliburton, North Hastings, Northumberland, Peterborough and Victoria. The first project of the Foundation is the Heart Catheter Campaign. We are looking for an outgoing, energetic self-starter to assume the position of Administrative Assistant. The successful candidate will have the following qualifications:

- excellent verbal, written and interpersonal skills
- excellent office management skills, including organization, prioritizing, accuracy and attention to detail
- excellent knowledge of computer hardware, printers and related equipment
- advanced knowledge of computer software including Windows '95, Word and Excel
- advanced knowledge of bookkeeping and computerized budgeting
- previous experience working as a member of a fundraising team is an asset, but is not essential
- ability to work flexible hours

Applications should be delivered not later than Friday, April 17th at 5:00pm to the office of The Community Health Services Foundation, 521 George Street North (corner of George & McDonnell Streets) Peterborough or by fax to (705) 743-2422. We thank all applicants in advance, but only those who are granted interviews will be contacted. No phone calls please.



508 CAREERS

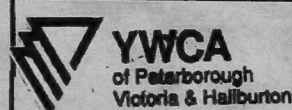
701 COMING EVENTS

HALIBURTON LEGION

BINGO

**Every Wednesday
7:15pm
\$300
JACKPOT**

704 ANNOUNCEMENTS



Women's Safety Network

A crisis and support service for women in abusive relationships
We Can Help!
Haliburton County
(705) 457-3355*
or 1-800-461-7656
(24 hour free crisis line)
*Collect Calls Accepted

707 BIRTHS

CONTINUED
Pre-designated spoiler is cousin Mandy. Eryn is looking forward to meeting her many aunts, uncles and cousins. Thanks to all the doctors and nurses who helped in the safe arrival.

708 OBITUARIES

WILSON, ELAINE - Suddenly at Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, March 31, 1998 in her 74th year. Beloved wife of the late Stephen Samuel Wilson. Loving mother of Alston, Olrick, Joan Armstrong and Edgar. Predeceased by her daughter Patricia, her son Phillip and her sister Dorothy Edwards. Fondly remembered by 21 grandchildren including Steve, Ankelly, Germaine, Nicholas, Eric, Lisa, Karla-Benita, Wentworth and Sheldon. Great grandmother of 13 great grandchildren. Friends called and the funeral was held at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario on Saturday, April 4. Spring interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Holy Trinity Cathedral, Port of Spain, Trinidad would be appreciated by the family. The family wish to express sincere thanks to all those who have expressed their sympathies to them during their bereavement. CA

709 IN MEMORIAM

PRINGLE, ROSA A. - In memory of a dear mother and grandmother who passed away April 10, 1988: We never lose the ones we love, For even though they are gone Within the hearts of those who care, Their memory lingers on.
Roberta, Ted and family.

WELLS, MURIEL - In memory of Mother and Grandmother who passed away April 12, 1991: Friends may think that we forget her When at times we're apt to smile, But they little know the heartache That hides 'neath the surface all the while.
"Too dearly loved to be forgotten." Sadly missed by Bob and Stephane, Wayne and Sharon, Wendy, Barb and grandchildren John, Franca, April, Courtney and Amanda.

701 COMING EVENTS

**HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS
GUILD OF FINE ARTS
and Rails' End Gallery**
present
**Design & Marketing for
Craft Shows**
Facilitated by Paul Williams
Saturday, April 18
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$20
For information and registration,
call (705) 457-2330. CA

**HALIBURTON
MINISTERIAL**
invites you to participate in the
"Cross Walk"
on Good Friday, April 10
at 1:30 p.m. starting at the high
school. Rally after at Haliburton
United Church.
Join the community of believers
for a short service.

**HYLAND CREST COUNTRY
JAMBOREE DANCE**
Saturday, May 30 at 8 p.m.
Minden Community Centre
Proceeds: Residents
Council/Hospital Fund
\$7 CA

Join Home Support in a
spectacular trip to the
Ottawa Tulip Festival,
May 10 and 11.
Cost \$185 pp/double occupancy,
\$195 pp/single occupancy;
includes return travel highway
coach, walking tour, Casino Hull,
tulip history bus tour, 1 night Lord
Elgin Hotel, 1 breakfast, 2
lunches, 1 dinner, taxes and
gratuities.
Registration April 1 at 9 a.m.
Full payment by April 10.
Cancellation policy in effect.
(705) 457-2941 or
1-800-567-2941. CA

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE
Standard First Aid and
Heartstart CPR
April 20, 21, 27 and 29
6:30 to 10:15 p.m., Haliburton
Call 1-800-565-4613. CA

701 COMING EVENTS

STOUFFER MILL ANTIQUES
invites you to drop into
The Agnes Jamieson Gallery
(Main St., Minden across the
bridge)
to celebrate
MapleFest
See our Antique Show and Sale,
New and Beautiful Floral
Arrangements by Sumac Hill,
The Breathtaking Artwork of John
Lennard.
April 10, 11, 12
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. CA

**WINTERGREEN MAPLE
SYRUP & PANCAKE BARN**
in Gelert is open every Saturday
and Sunday from March 14 to April
26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come and
tour the bush, enjoy taffy on snow
(1:30 p.m. each day), enjoy a meal
and view the production of maple
syrup. A great family adventure. Call
for more information (705)
286-3202. Please phone ahead for
large groupings. CA

THE FROST CENTRE WILDLIFE HABITAT

The Frost Centre is hosting the
Backyard Habitat Workshop. The
workshop is sponsored by the
Canadian Wildlife Federation. This is
a terrific opportunity to learn all about
creating or improving wildlife habitat in
your backyard, schoolyard, or along
your waterfront. The workshop runs
from the afternoon of Friday April 24
to Sunday April 26, 1998. Guest
speakers will demonstrate construction
of wildlife structures, wildflower and
butterfly garden design, and
maintaining and improving wetland
areas and ponds.
There will be sessions geared
especially for children. You will
come away with useful skills and
knowledge.
The Frost Centre is located on Highway
35, 12 km south of Dorset. For more
information please call 705-766-2451.

**FAX US AT:
457-3275**

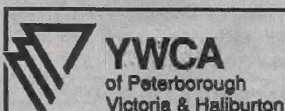
704 ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION "LINE DANCERS"
- Hazel and Al are back! West Guil-
ford, Tuesdays 10 a.m. Haliburton,
Thursdays 10 a.m. Come and have
fun dancing. New dancers really
welcome. For info call (705)
754-3145.

**GEORGINA'S KOUNTRY
KITCHEN** re-opening April 8. Just
7 miles east of Kinmount on Hwy.
503 near Irondale. CA

REWARD - for information leading
to arrest of person(s) who broke in-
to my Long Lake cottage and stole
John Deere 18 hp lawn tractor,
Honda EM5000SX electric start
generator, 8 hp Yamaha outboard
motor, all nearly new. Phone (905)
686-3292.

STEP-IT FITNESS CLUB - Class-
es Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
at 5:15 p.m. Step aerobics and re-
sistance training. Have fun and get
fit. Call (705) 457-1052. Ontario Fit-
ness Council Certified Fitness Lead-
ers, Shawn Hagerman and
Suzanne Gonsalves. CA



WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE

Your centre for Information, Education,
Support and Social Action!

*Did you know...that there
will be a women's Health day
at the Q Centre on April 25*

Hours Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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705 WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

**50th Wedding Anniversary for
MERVYN & ELEANOR
BUNKER**
Saturday, April 18, 1998
1 to 4 p.m.
at Club 35, Halls Lake
(Hwy. 35 north of Carnarvon)
All friends and neighbours
welcome to share in this special
day.
Best wishes only, please.

**PROFESSIONAL WEDDING
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still available. Also booking for next
year. Bruce Turner Photography
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The children of
Carmen and Aileen Peters
invite you to celebrate with us the
50th Wedding Anniversary
of our parents on
Saturday, April 11
at the Royal Canadian Legion in
Haliburton
Social time 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Dance 9:00 p.m. till 1:00 a.m.

707 BIRTHS

It's a Girl!
Welcome
ALEX ANNA BIRD
Baby sister for Jamie and Macken-
zie. Arrived at Dr. Everett Chalmers
Hospital, New Brunswick on March
26, 1998 at 8:30 a.m., weighing in
at 7 lbs. Proud parents Frank Bird
and Julie Pelletier and proud grand-
parents are Gloria Bird of Halibur-
ton and Gerald and Solange Pel-
letier of Quebec.

Wilberforce is Abuzz!
SOLMES - Gerry and Gloria are
thrilled to announce the arrival of
ERYN VICTORIA
born March 27, 1998 weighing 7
lbs., 3 oz. at Peterborough Civic
Hospital. Proud first time grand-
parents are Gary and Jill Lee. Ex-
cited and ready to spoil their ninth
grandchild are Don and Marie Don-
aldson. Sylvia Cameron is delight-
ed about a sixth great-grandchild.

AT REST
Passed away peacefully at the
Pinecrest Nursing Home,
Bobcaygeon, Ontario on
Saturday, April 4, 1998 at the
age of 90

PETER ZBORALSKI
(formerly of Kinmount)
Beloved husband of the late Jesse
Gordon Chalmers. Close friend of
Don Ingram and Sharon Orth of
Bobcaygeon. A special thank you
to the staff and volunteers at the
Pinecrest Nursing Home for all com-
passionate care provided to Peter
during his stay. A private graveside
interment will be held in the spring
at the Kinmount Cemetery. Cre-
mation has taken place. Arrange-
ments entrusted to the Gordon A.
Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St.,
Minden. CA

709 IN MEMORIAM

DAVIES, BILL - In memory of a
dear brother who passed away April
12, 1978:
Without farewell he fell asleep,
With only memories for us to keep,
Though absent, you are ever near
Still missed, loved, always.
Sadly missed by brother Richard,
sister-in-law Grace.

DAVIES, BILL - In loving memory
of a dear brother, brother-in-law and
uncle who passed away April 12,
1978:
We who love you sadly miss you
As it dawns another year
In our lonely hours of thinking
Thoughts of you are ever near.
Sadly missed by sister Barbara,
brother-in-law Roy, nieces Deb-
bie, Cheryl, Maxine, nephews
Sheldon, Tim, Chris, Eric.

HANCOCK, JAMIE - In memory
of a dear grandson who left us April
7, 1996:
A sadness still comes over us,
Tears in silence often flow,
Memory keeps you ever near us,
Though you died two years ago.
Remembered with love, grand-
mother Margaret Hancock and
family.

710 LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In the matter of the Estate of **MER-
REIT STANLEY McNEIL**, de-
ceased. All creditors and others
having claims against the Estate of
Merreit Stanley McNeil, late of the
Township of Minden, in the Coun-
ty of Haliburton, who died on or
about the 13th day of February
1998 are required to file the particu-
lars of such claims with the un-
dersigned solicitors for the said Es-
tate on or before the 30th of April
1998.

AND take notice that after the last
day named, the assets of the said
Estate will be distributed among the
persons hereto entitled having re-
gard only to the claims of which the
Executrix for the Estate being
MARY ISABELLA McNEIL, shall
have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this
30th day of March 1998 by BISH-
OP AND ROGERS, Barristers and
Solicitors, P.O. Box 472, Halibur-
ton, Ontario K0M 1S0. Solicitors for
the Executrix of the Estate of Mer-
reit Stanley McNeil. CA

712 CARDS OF THANKS

**Haliburton Highlands Silver
Flutes** wish to express our grate-
tude for the generous donation
made by the Haliburton County De-
velopment Corporation towards the
purchase of new uniforms for the
band. CA

Heartfelt thanks. **Mabel Bacon
1927-1998.** We wish to thank
everyone for their kindness and trib-
utes when our mother Mabel
passed on. A special thank you to
Joyce Vickery, David Hulbig, Dan
and Dee, family and friends for their
special help during this time. A big
thank you to Gordon Monk and staff
for their support. It was greatly ap-
preciated. **Lyle and Bev Bacon
and family.**

Ingoldsby UCW would like to thank
all who attended their Ham Dinner
on March 25. Thanks also to those
who assisted in any way. People
like you make the event a success.

The family of the late Harry Good
wish to express their sincere thanks
to everyone for the many messages
of sympathy, prayers, cards, floral
tributes, donations of food and do-
nations of money to the Haliburton
Highlands Health Services Founda-
tion and the Heart and Stroke
Foundation. Thanks to the ladies of
St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden
for preparing and serving the love-
ly lunch after the funeral. Special
thanks to Mr. Gordon Monk and the

ATTENTION SENIOR CARD PLAYERS!

Join us for these upcoming tournaments:
Bid Euchre - April 8, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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Progressive Euchre - April 22, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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Monk Funeral Home for their guidance and for the wonderful eulogy delivered by Mr. Monk. The sympathy and understanding of friends like you have helped so much to lighten the burden of our sorrow. No words can express the full measure of our appreciation. God bless you all. **Ruth Good and family.**

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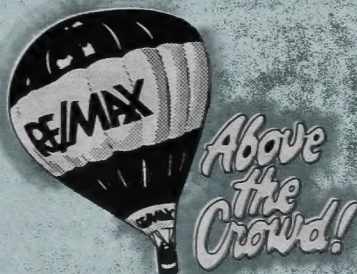
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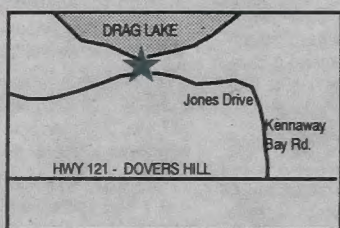
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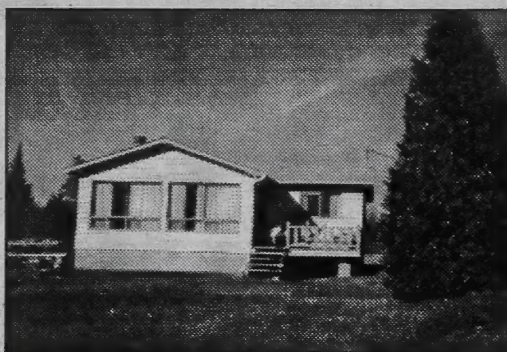
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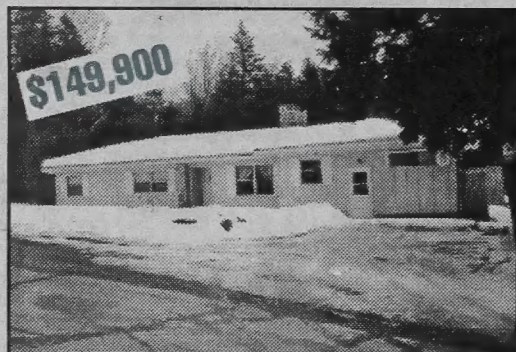
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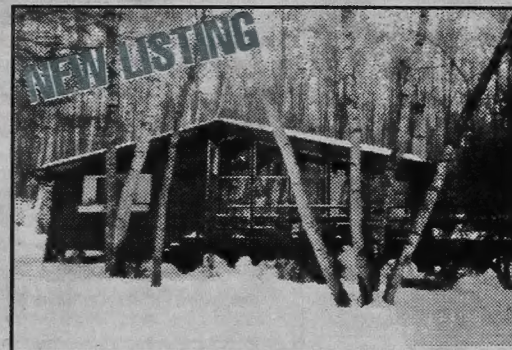
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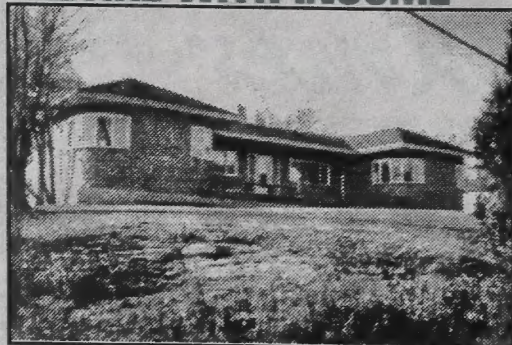
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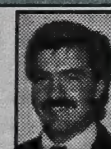
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